

Georgian National Voter Study

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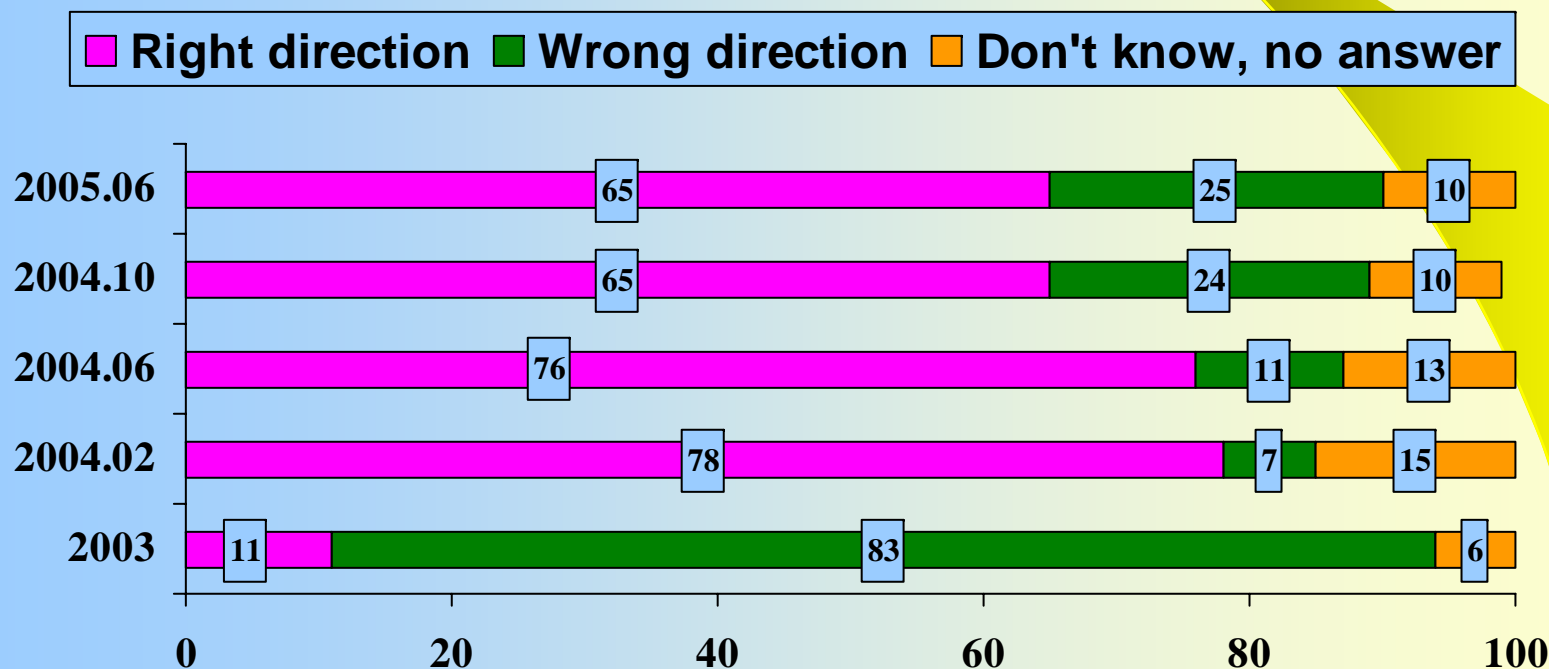
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This national representative survey was carried out from May 26 to June 10, 2005.
- 1493 Georgian residents (voters) aged 18 years and over were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed 3%.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of IRI.
- It was funded by the United States Agency for International Development. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys / The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by IPM.

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

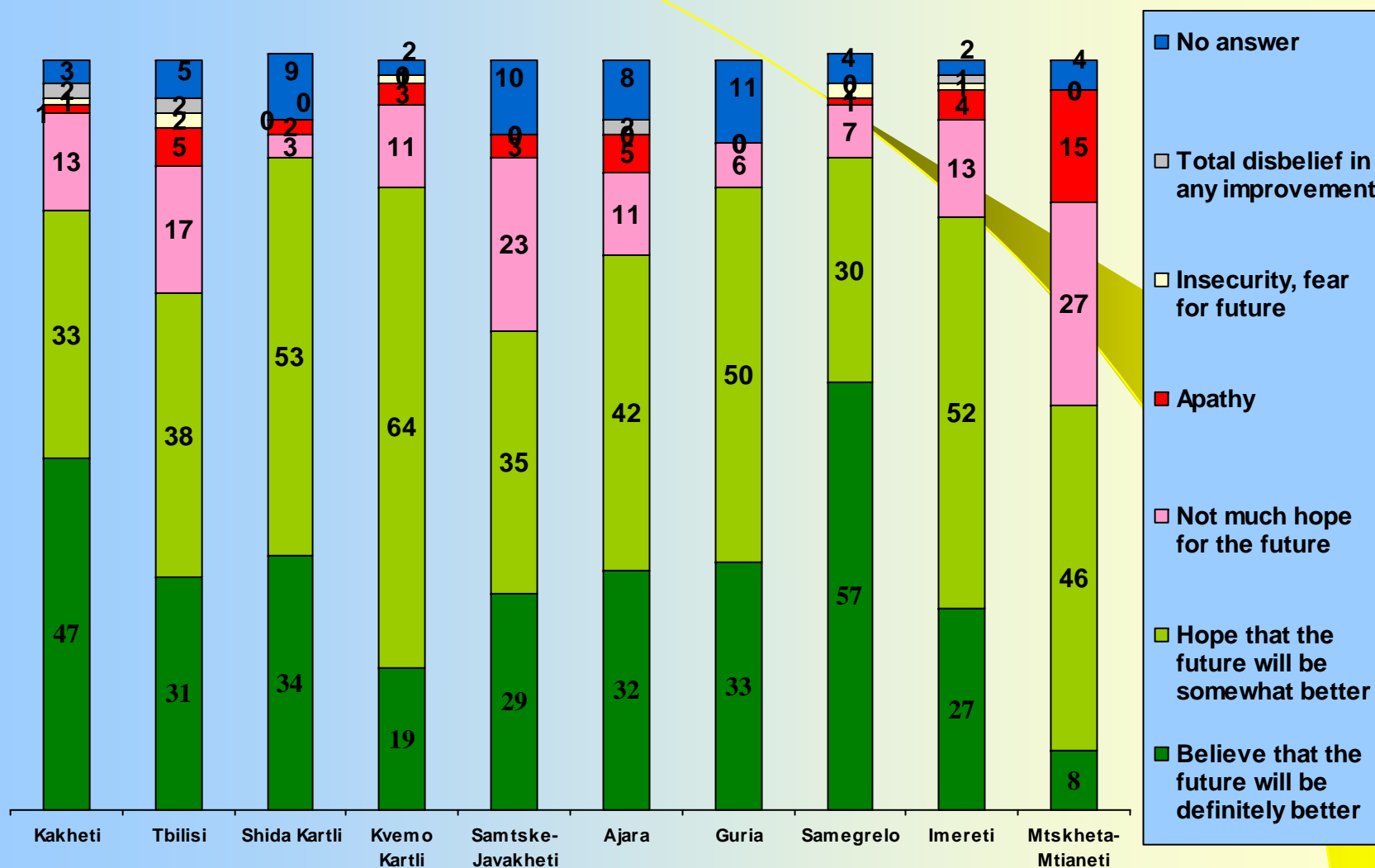
Mood of the country: in June 2005, 65% says that Georgia is on the right track (in October 2004 - 65%, in June 2004 - 76%, in February 2004 – 78%, in 2003 - 11% expressed such opinion)

Generally speaking, things in Georgia are going in the



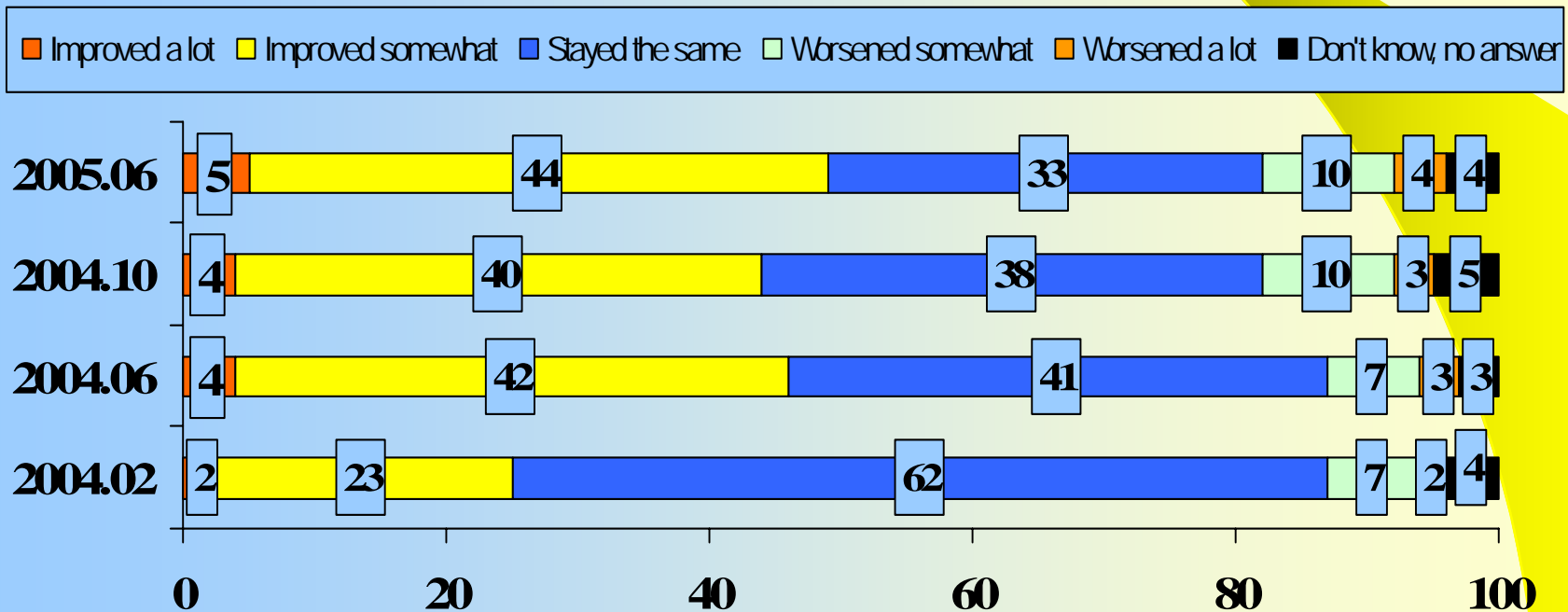
Mood of the nation.

How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of Georgian population?



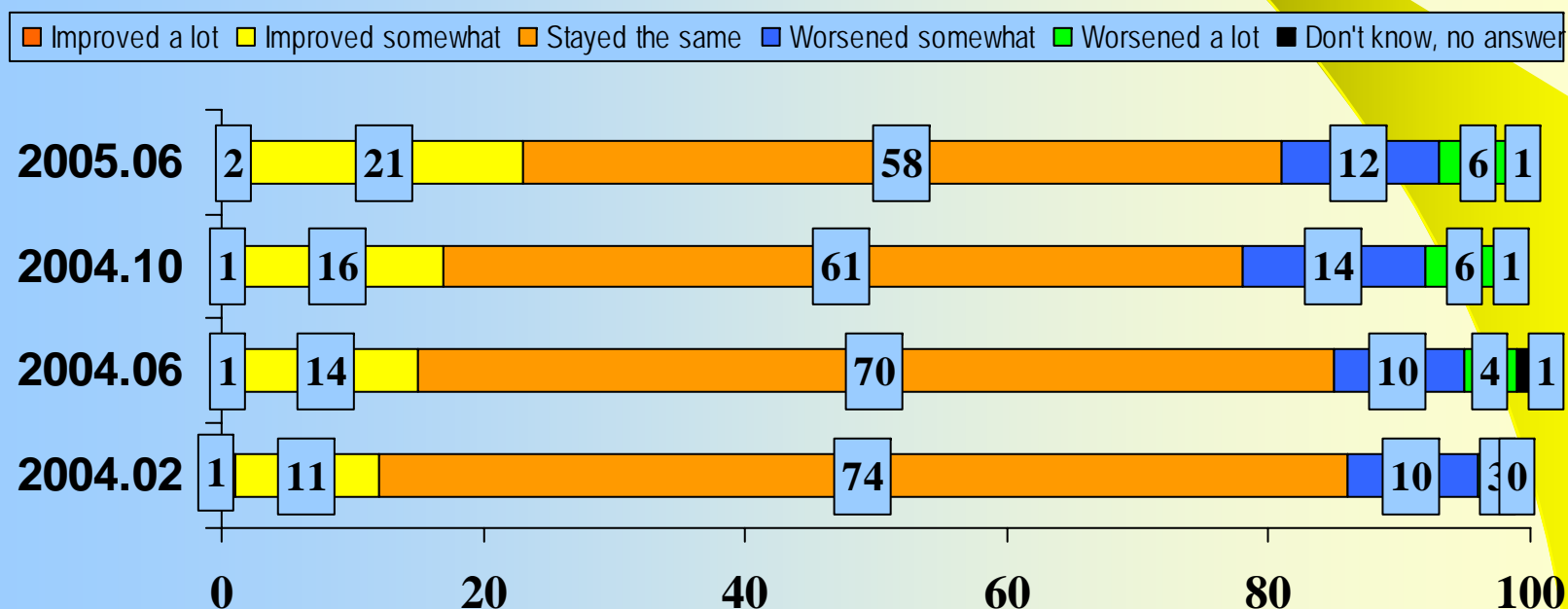
Mood of the country: 49% (in October 2004 was 44%, in June 2004 - 46% and in February 2004 - 25%) says the economic situation in the past 3 months has improved

Over the last 3 months, the economic situation in Georgia has ...



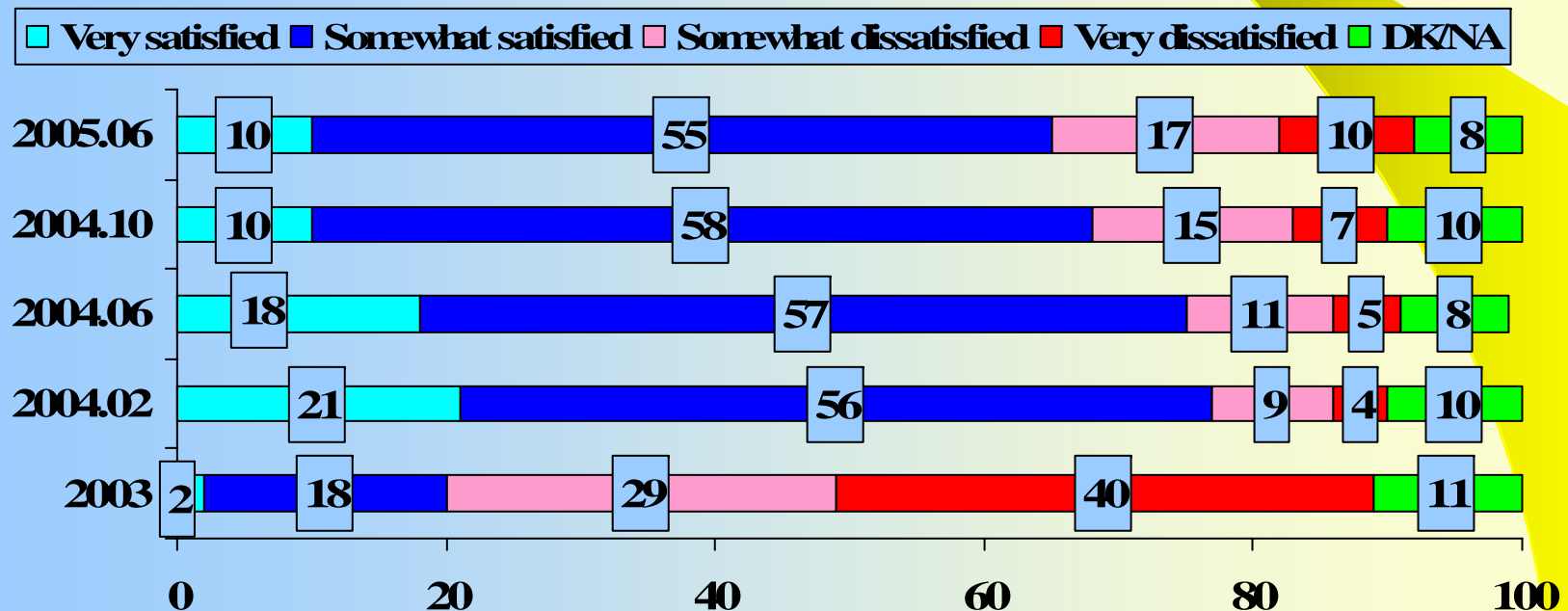
Mood of the country: 58 % (in October 2004 was 61%, in June 2004 - 70% and in February 2004 - 74%) says their financial situation stayed the same in the last 3 months

Over the last 3 months, the financial situation of your household has ...



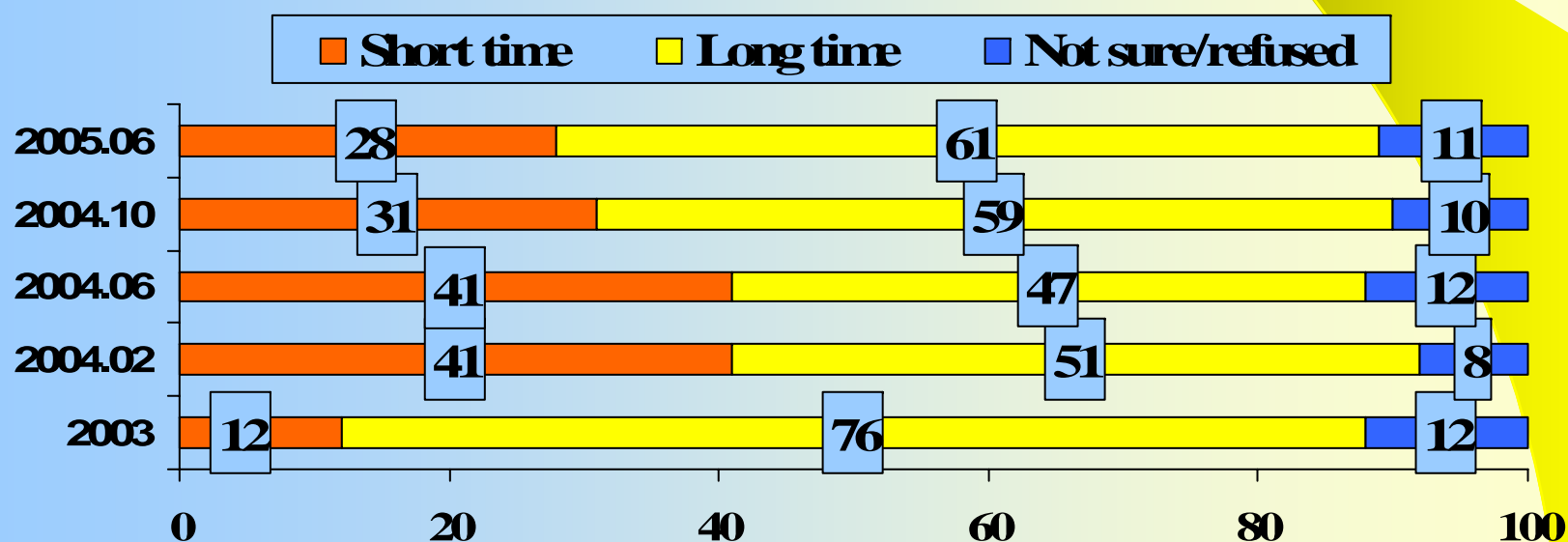
Mood of the country: 65% satisfied with the way democracy is developing (in October 2004 it was 68%, in June 2004 - 75%, in February 2004 - 77%, in 2003 - 20%)

How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Georgia?

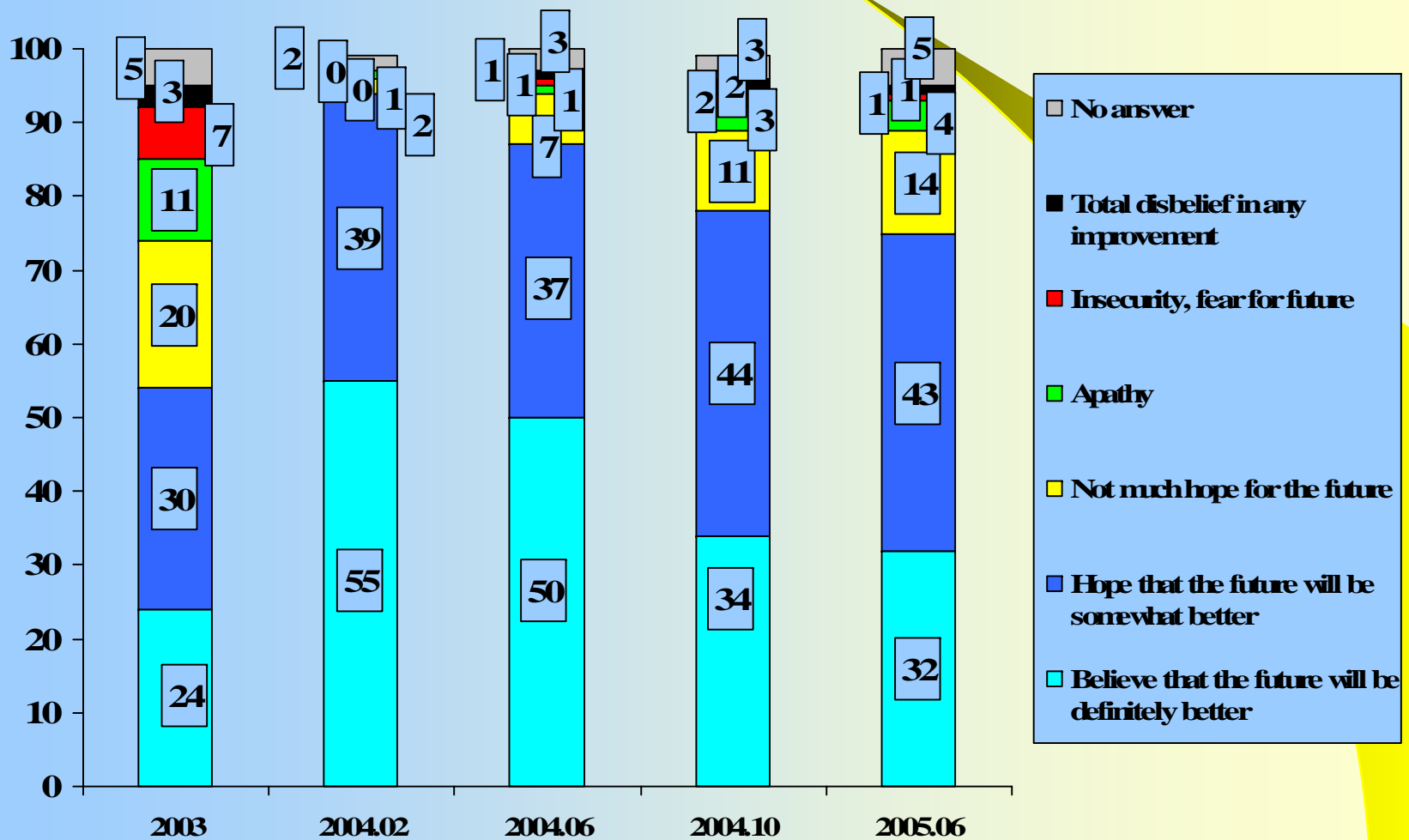


Mood of the country: 61% (in October 2004 was 59%) think that it will take a long time for Georgia to improve while 28% (in October 2004 was 31%) expect positive changes in a short time

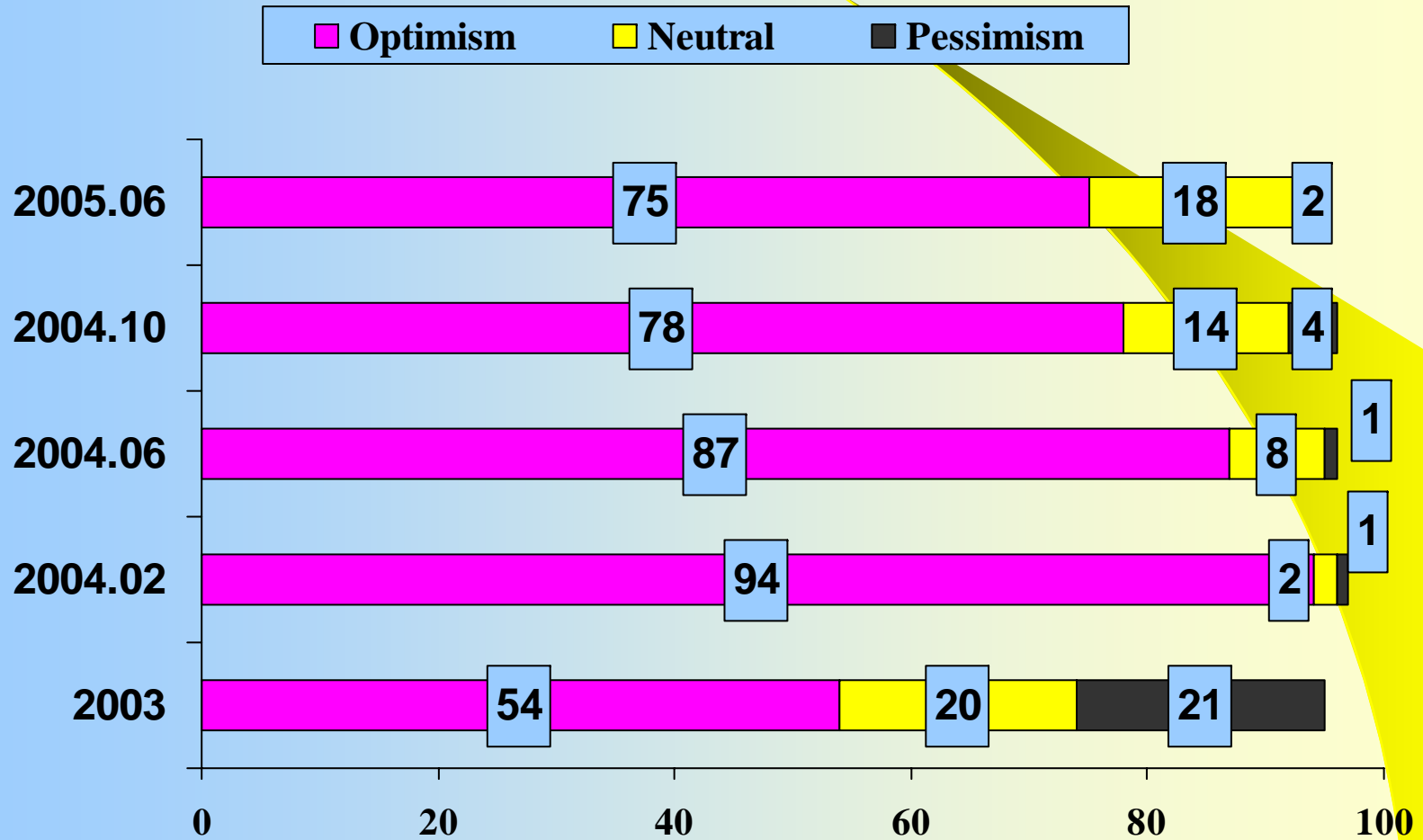
Do you believe that things will get better in a short time or will it take a long time to get better in the country?



Mood of the nation
In June 2005 75% (in October 2004 – 77%) of Georgians
are optimistic about the future

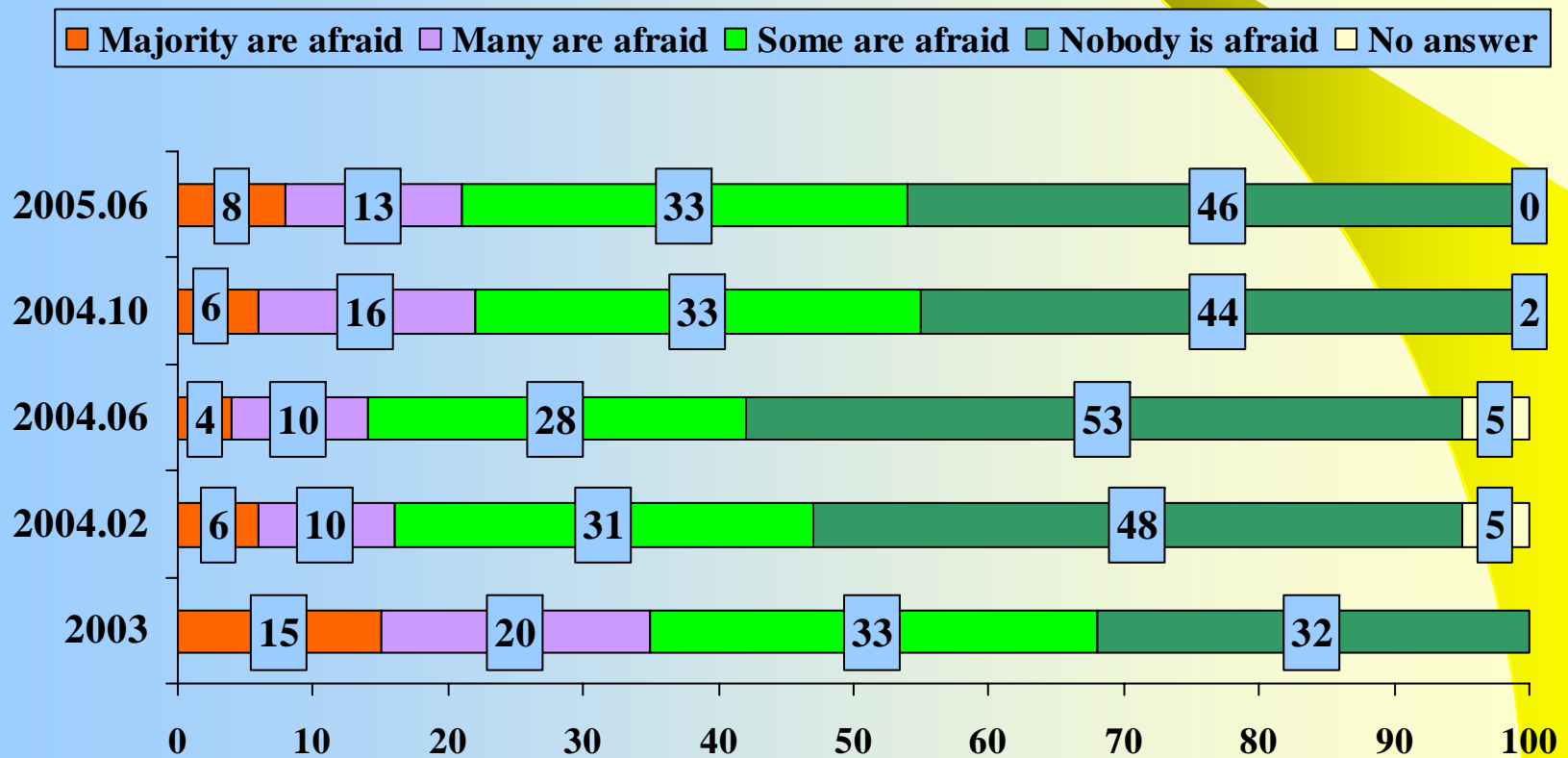


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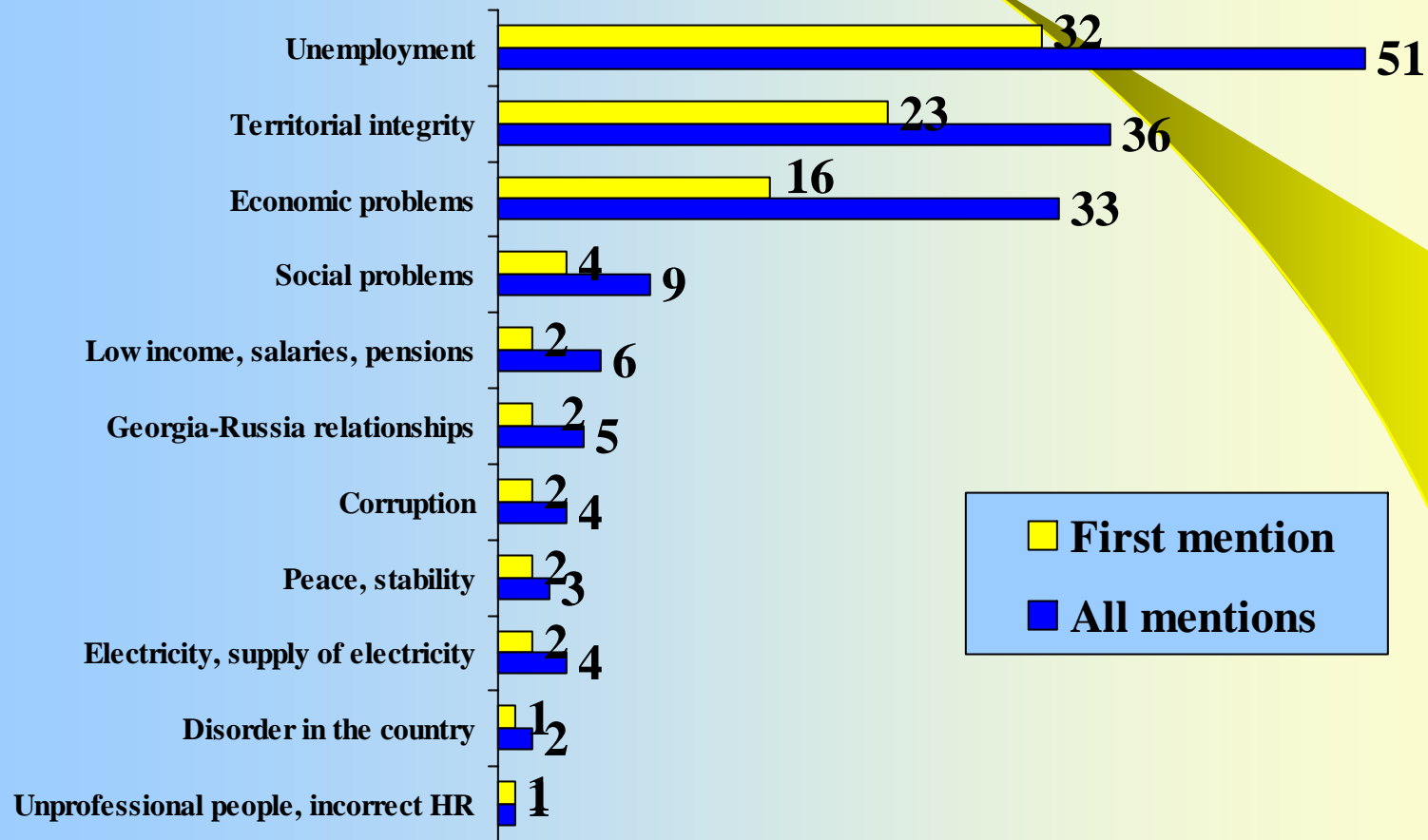
Freedom of expression

Are people in Georgia afraid or not to openly express their political views ?

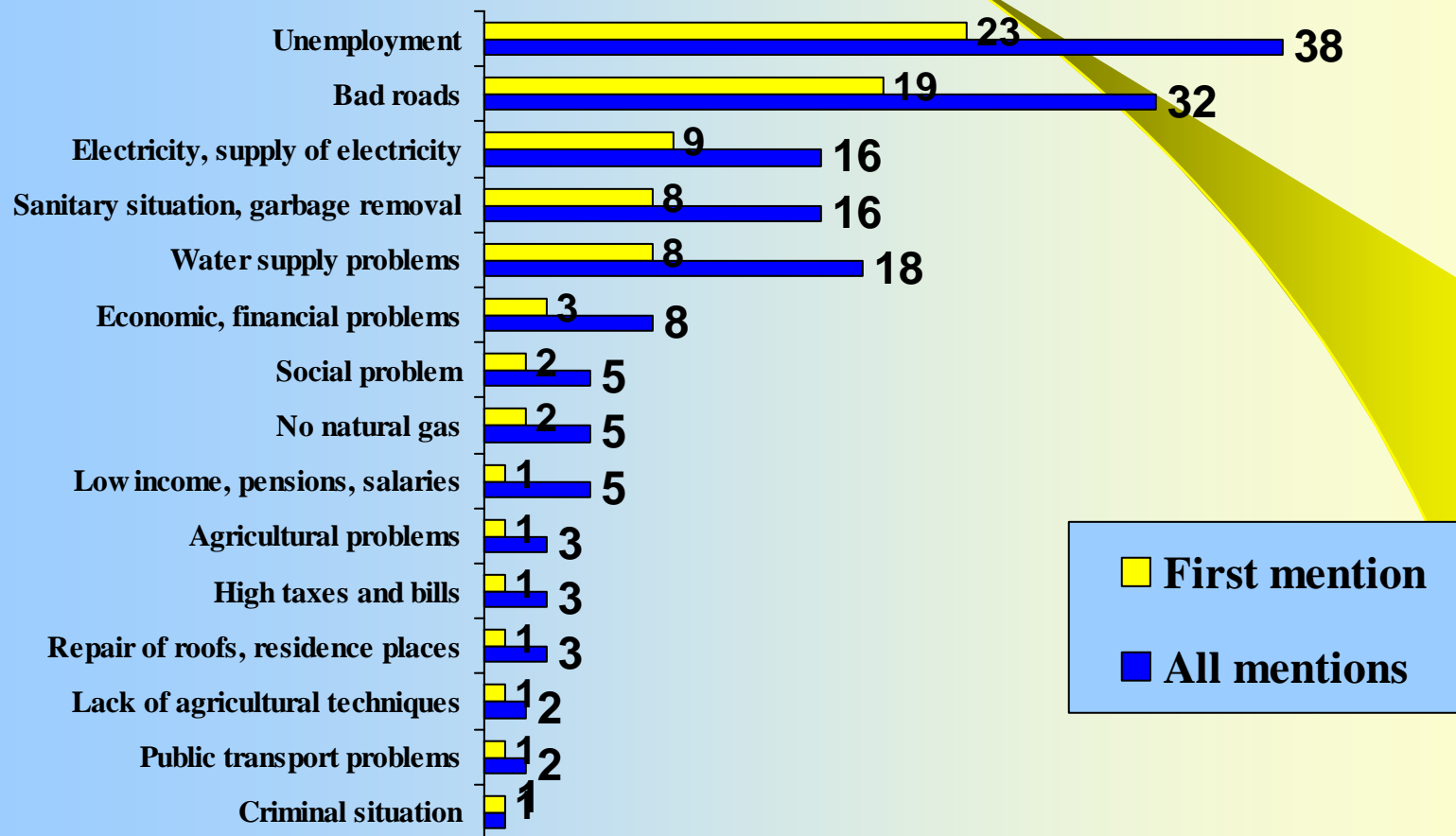


ISSUES

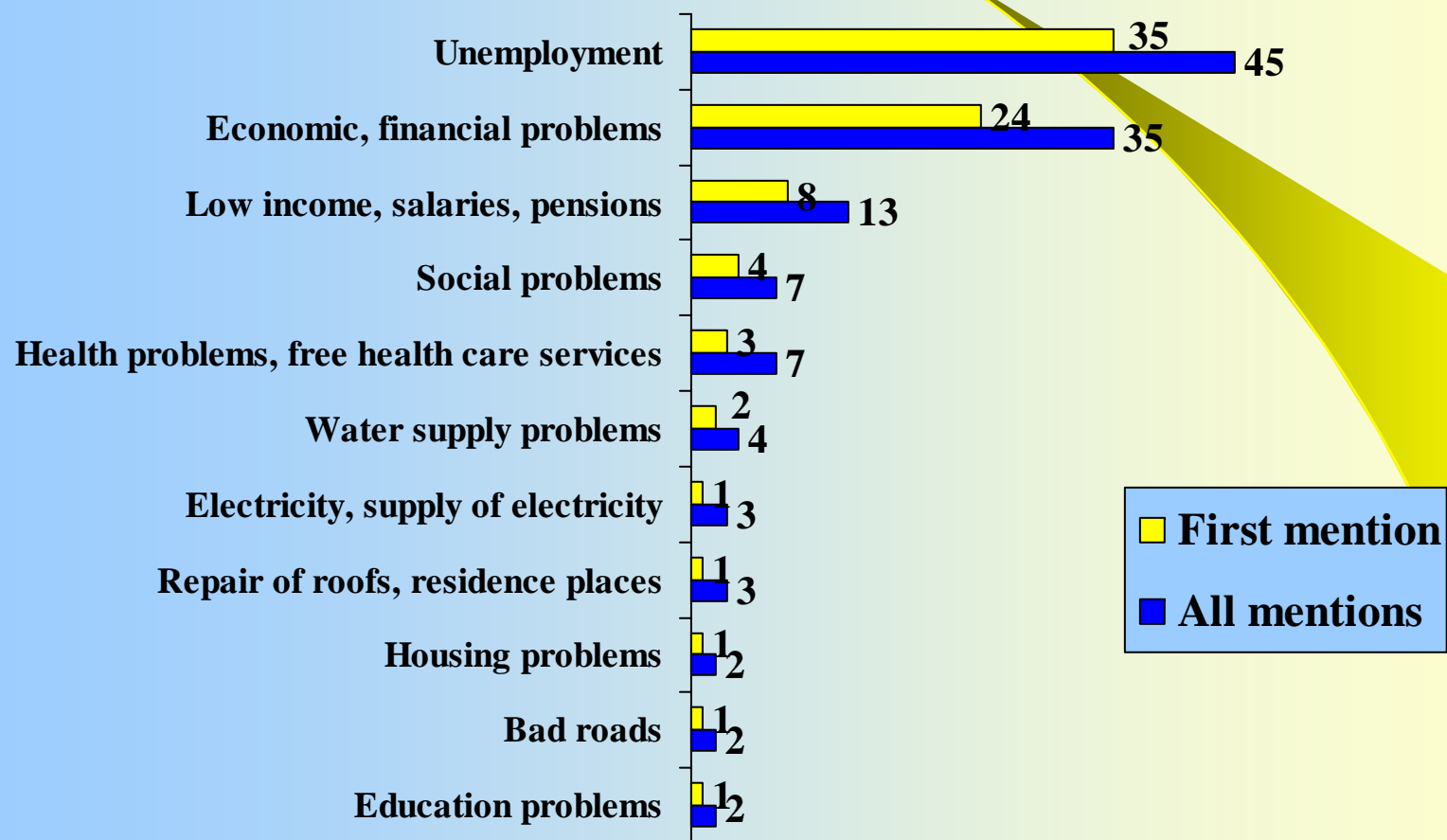
Most important issue Georgia is facing (June 2005)



Most important issue towns/villages are facing (June 2005)



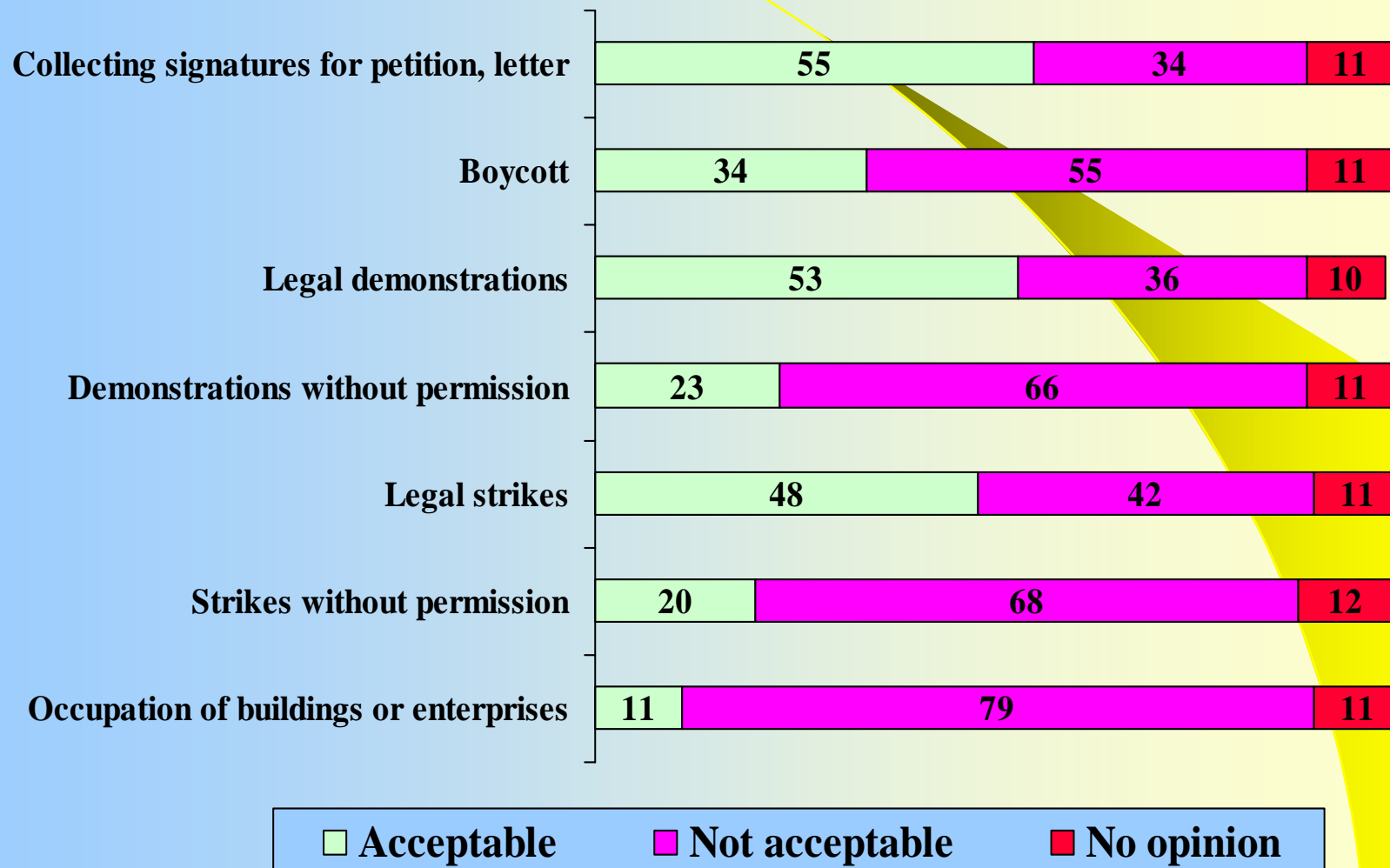
Most important issue households are facing (June 2005)



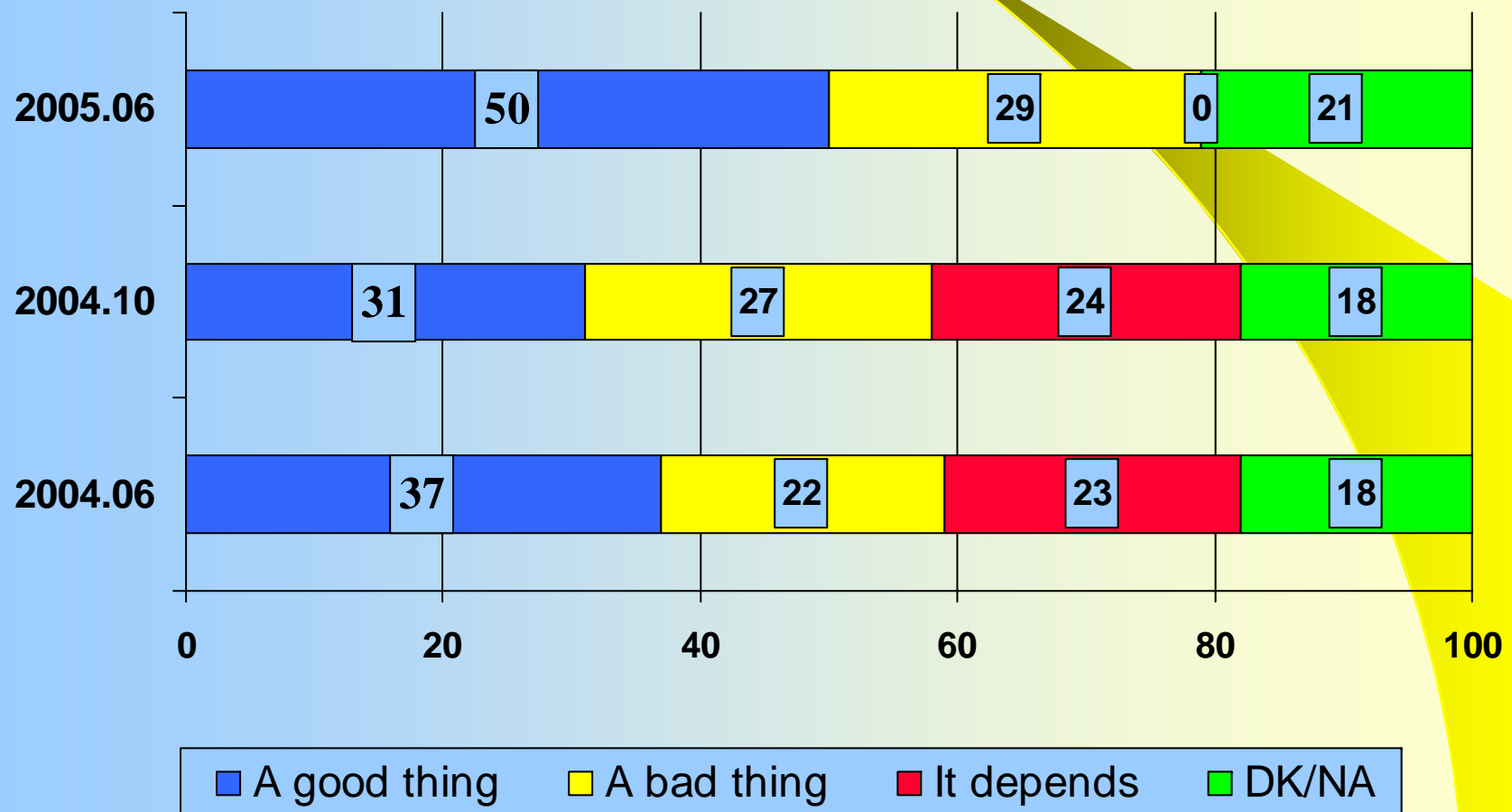
Issues

- On the personal/household level, social issues still are most pressing.
- On the community level the most important problem is still unemployment but issues related with infrastructure became important also.
- On the national level, territorial integrity is one of the most important issues but the most urgent issue for the Georgian population is unemployment.

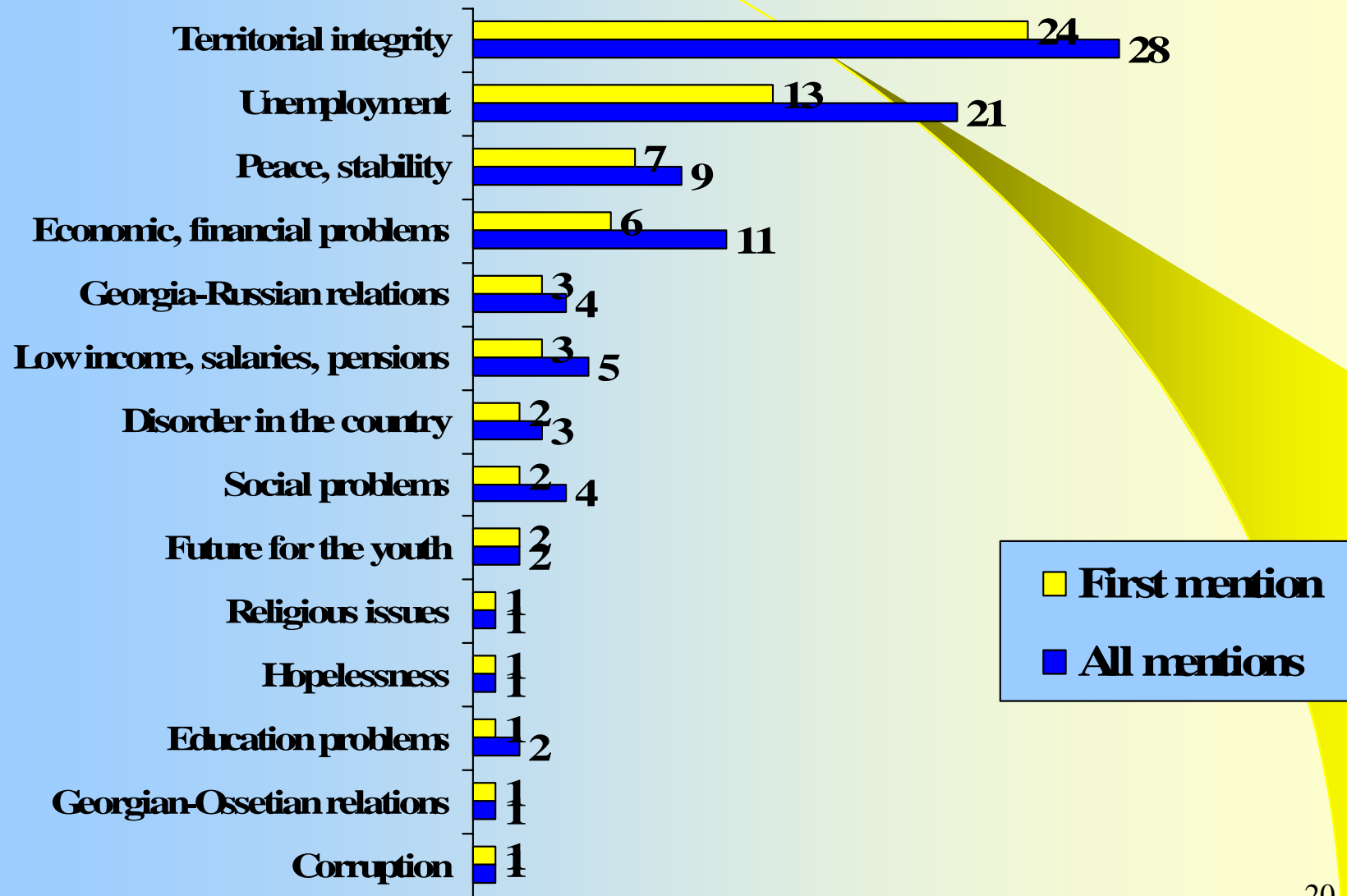
Acceptability of social protest forms (June 2005)



What is your opinion about privatization: is it a good thing for the Georgian economy or a bad thing?



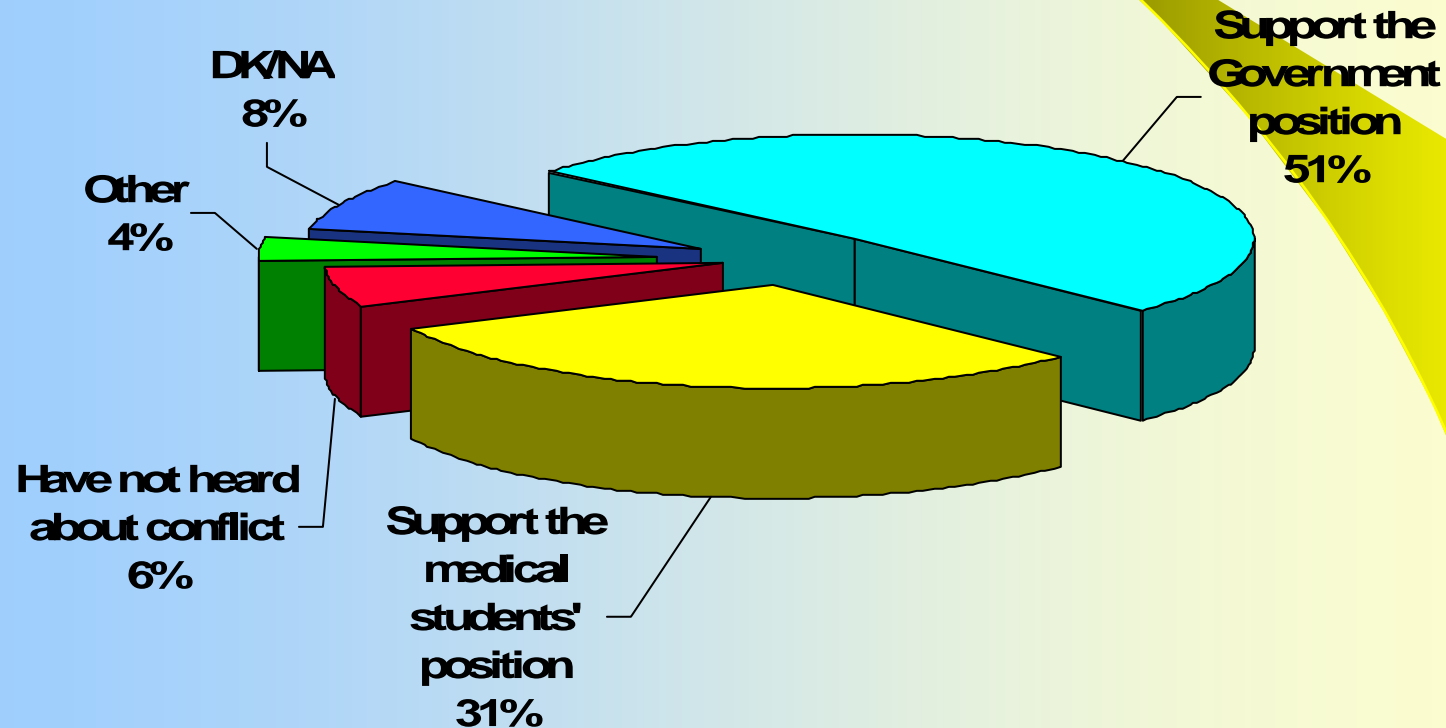
Fear the most (June 2005)



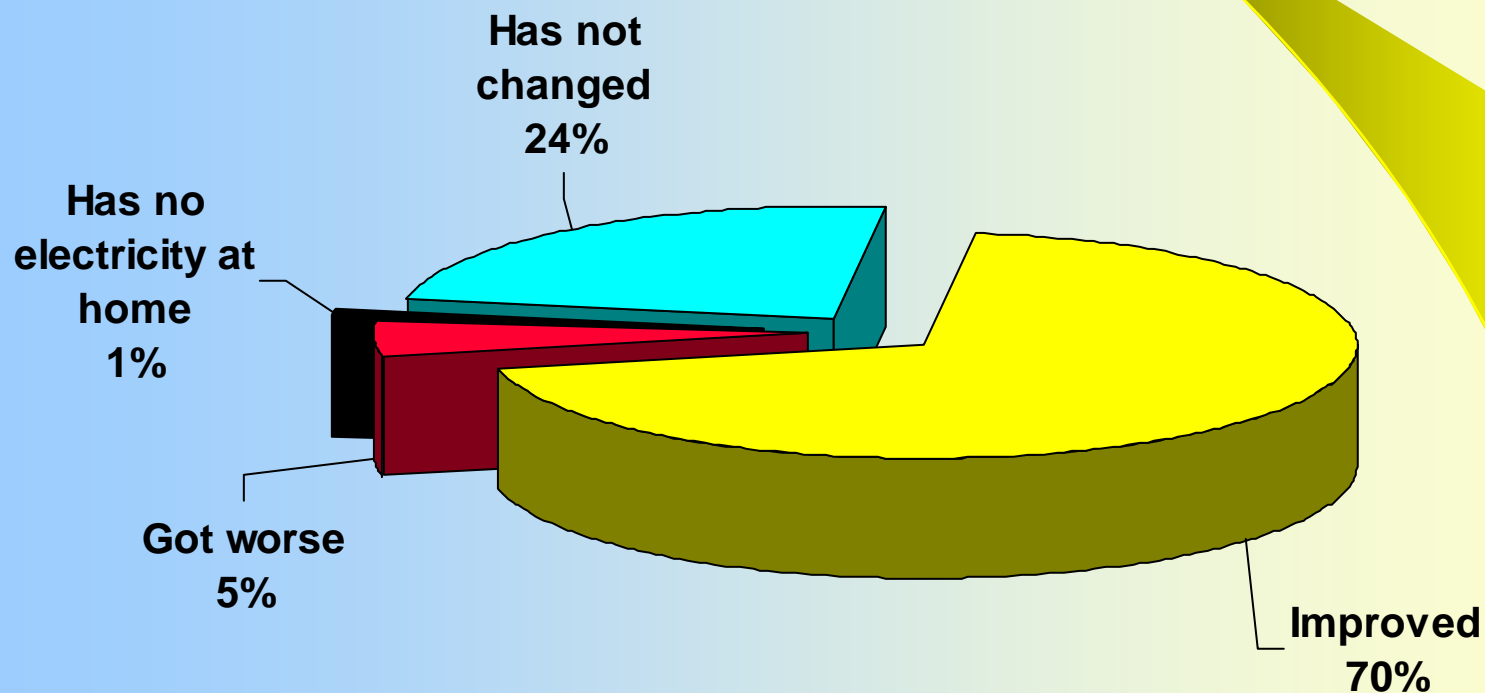
Fears of people

- The biggest fears are still related to instability - military and social. Importance of territorial integrity increased compared to June 2004.

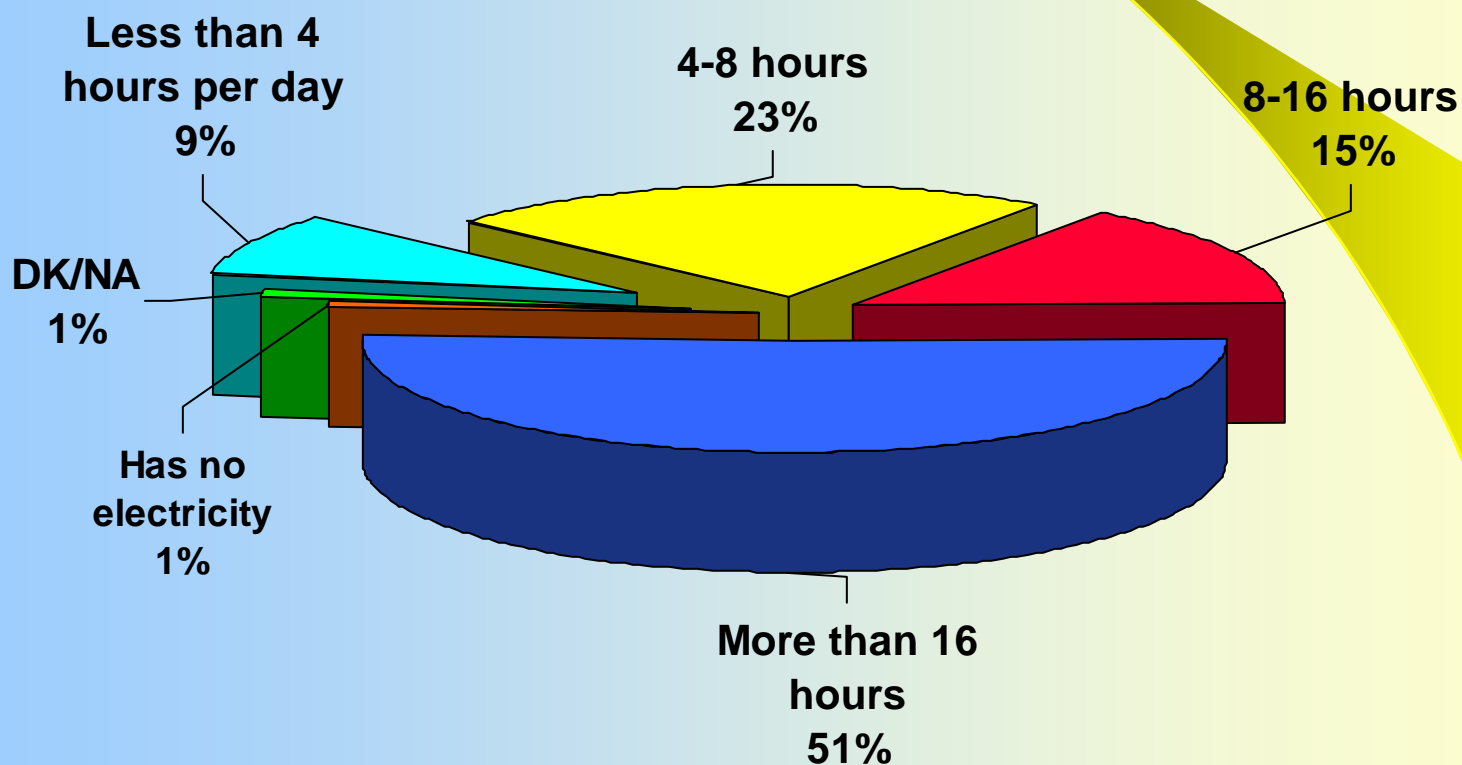
Some medical students resisted changes in the education system and have protested with demonstrations and hunger strikes. Who do you support in this issue: the Government or the medical students?



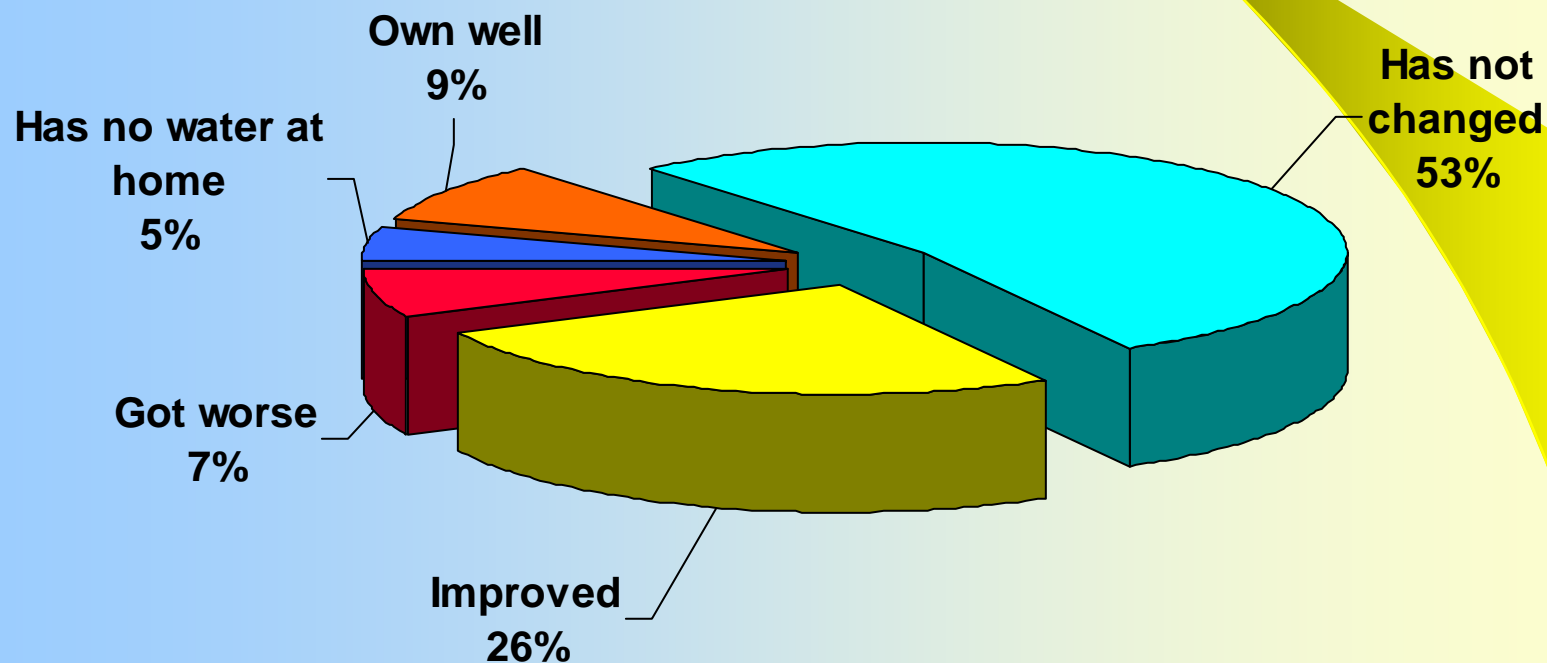
Has the electricity situation in your household changed during the last six months?



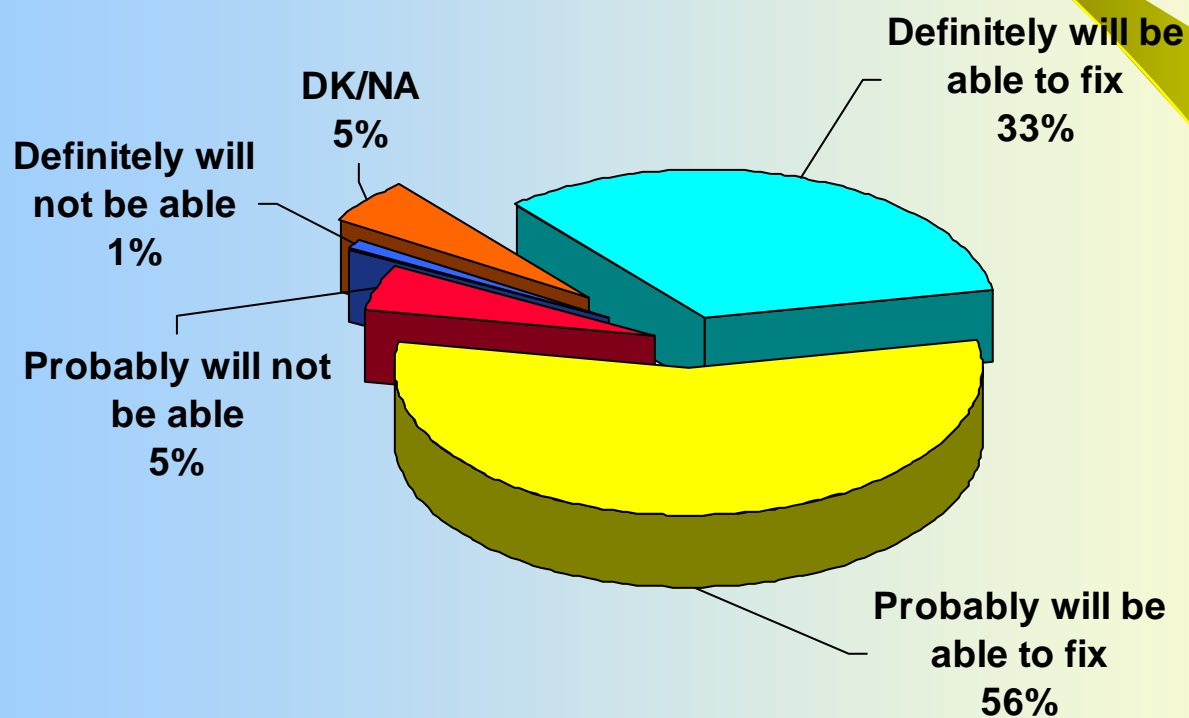
On an average day throughout the year, how many hours of electricity do you have in your household?



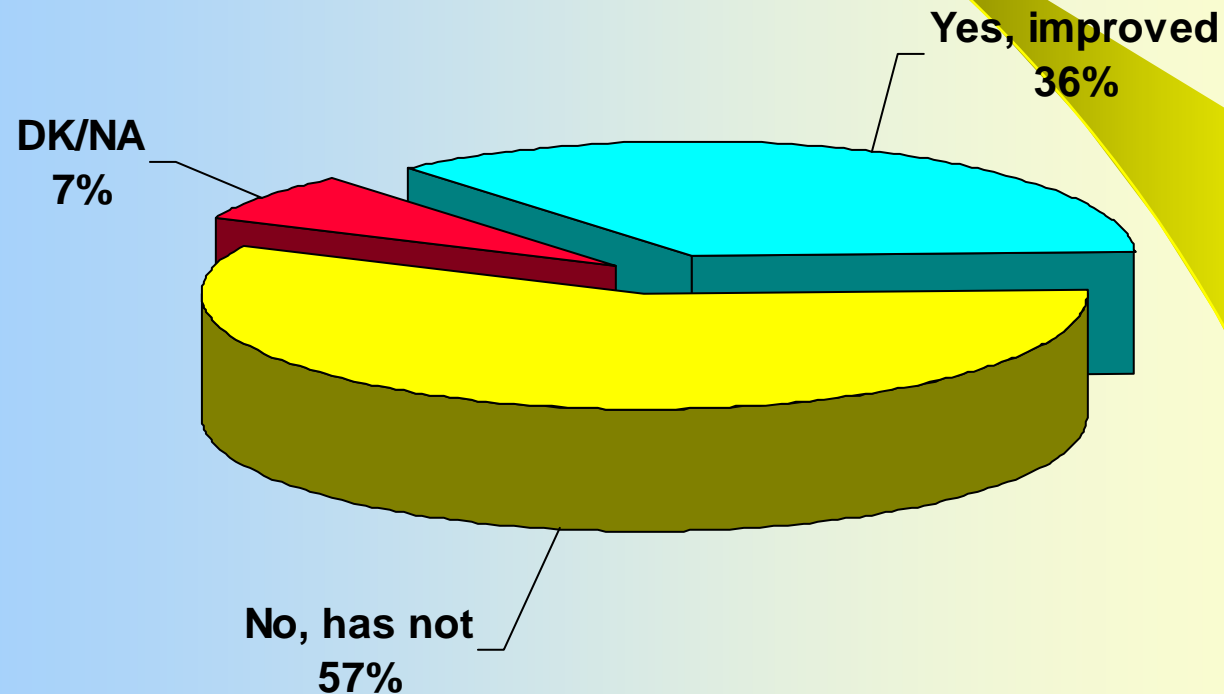
Has the water situation in your household changed during the last six months?



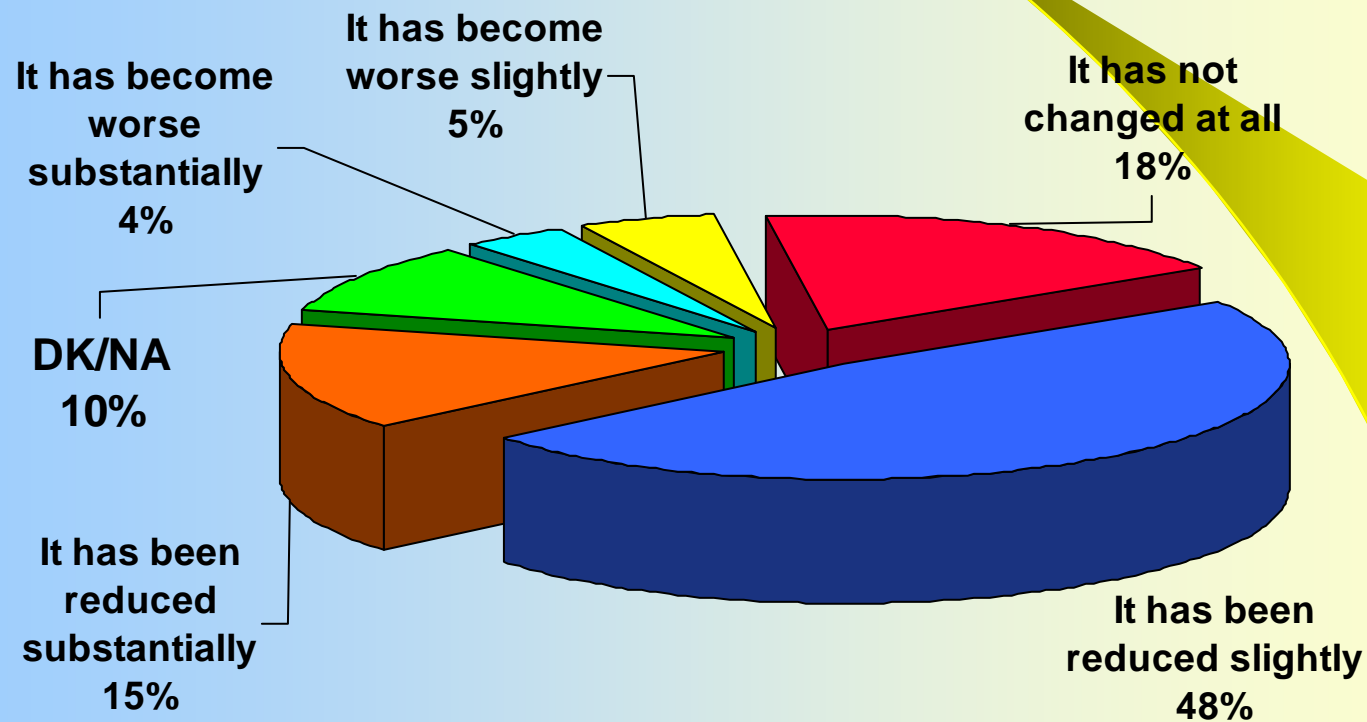
Do you think that the Government will be able to fix the energy problems in Georgia or not?



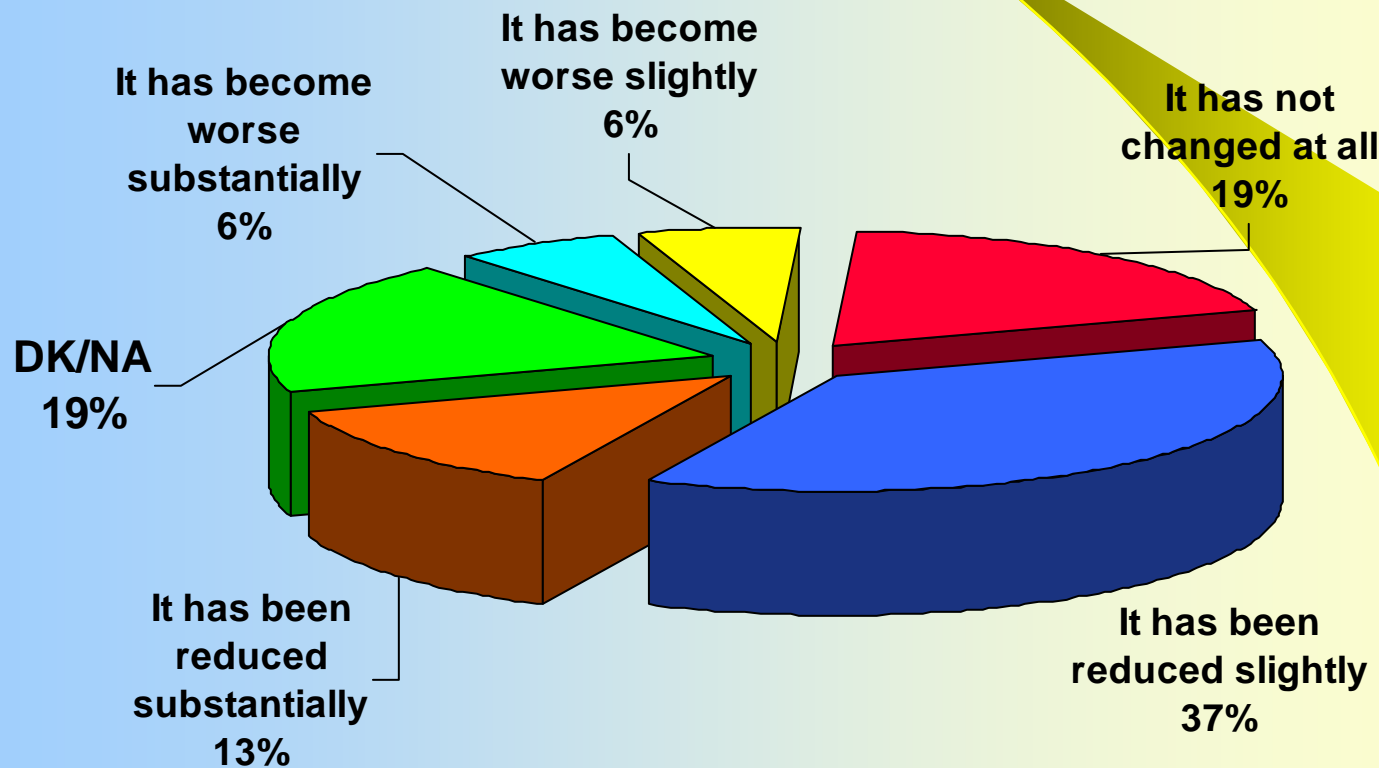
Has the Georgian Government's program to increase pensions improved the living standards of pensioners or not?



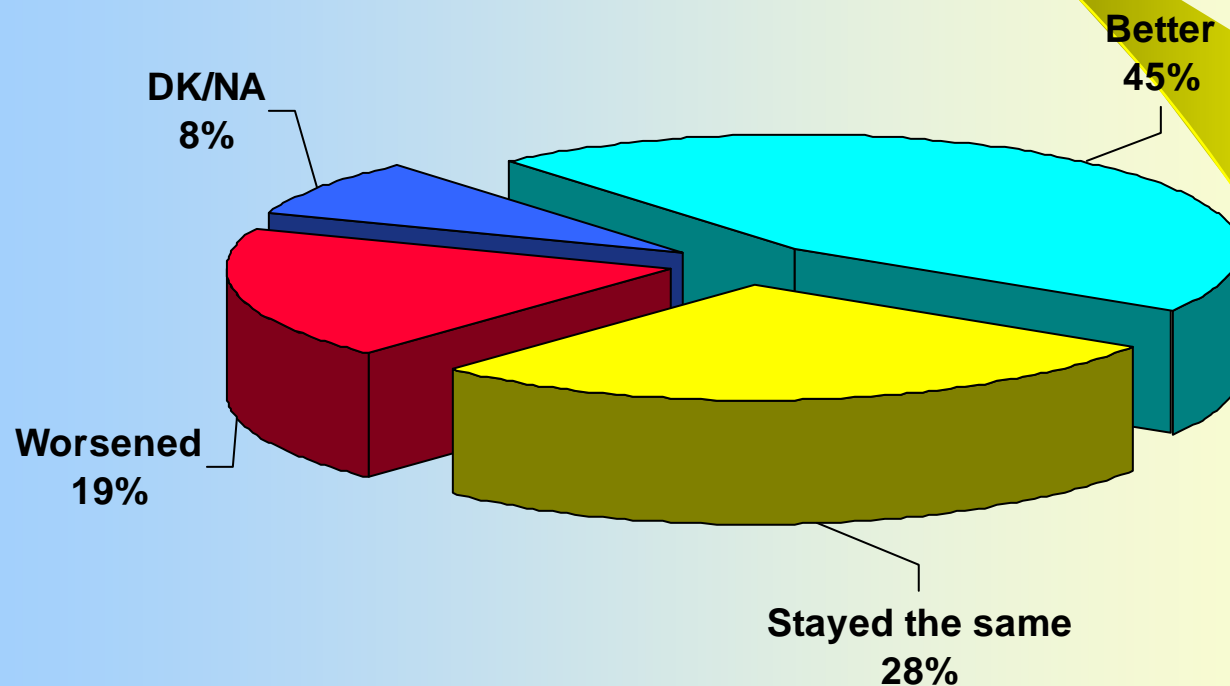
How do you feel about corruption in ordinary people's lives after the Rose Revolution?



How do you feel about corruption at the highest levels of state administration (leading political elites) since the Rose Revolution?

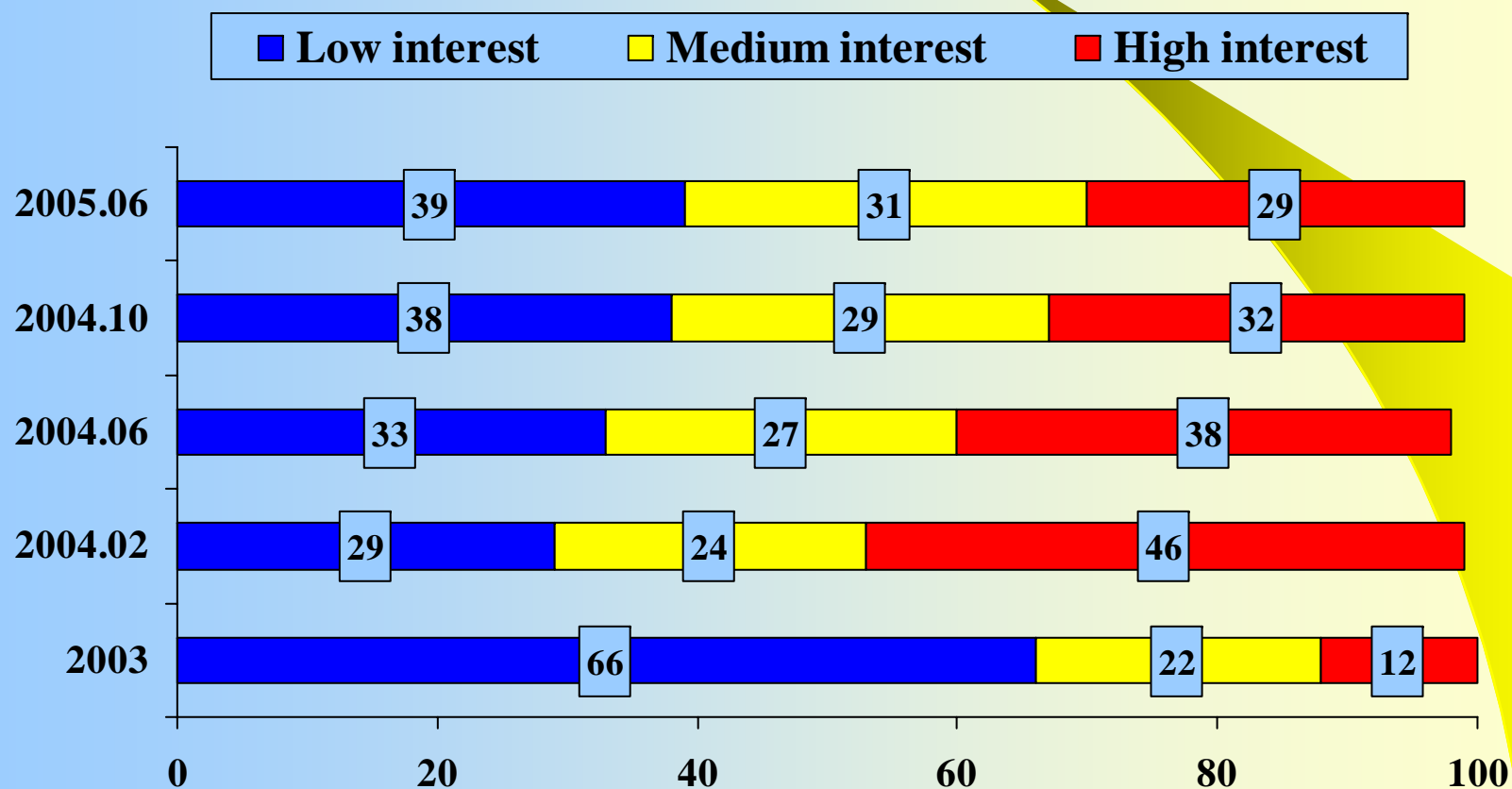


Do you think that criminal situation in Georgia has become worse, better or stayed the same over the last 6 months?



POLITICS

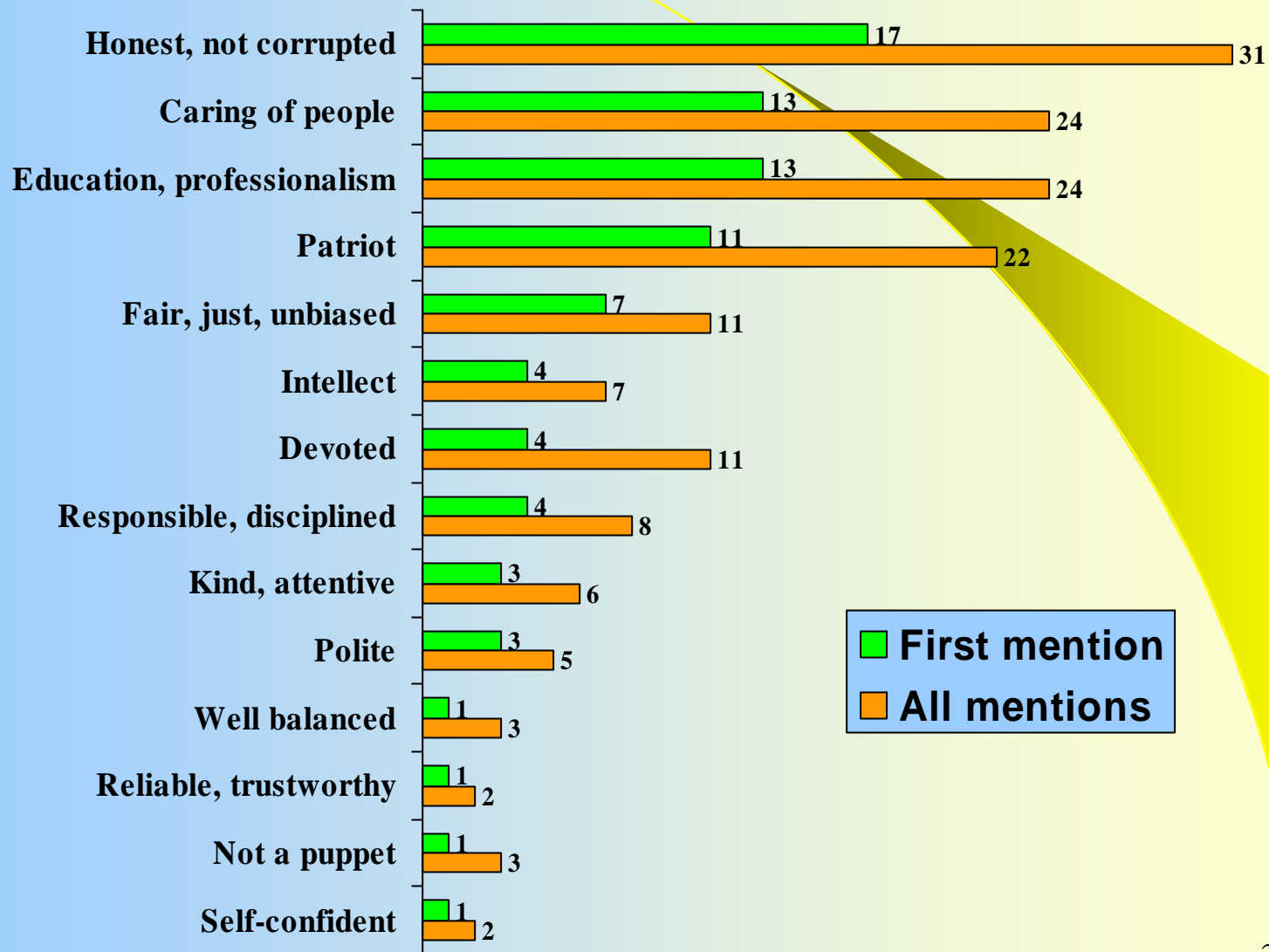
Interest in politics



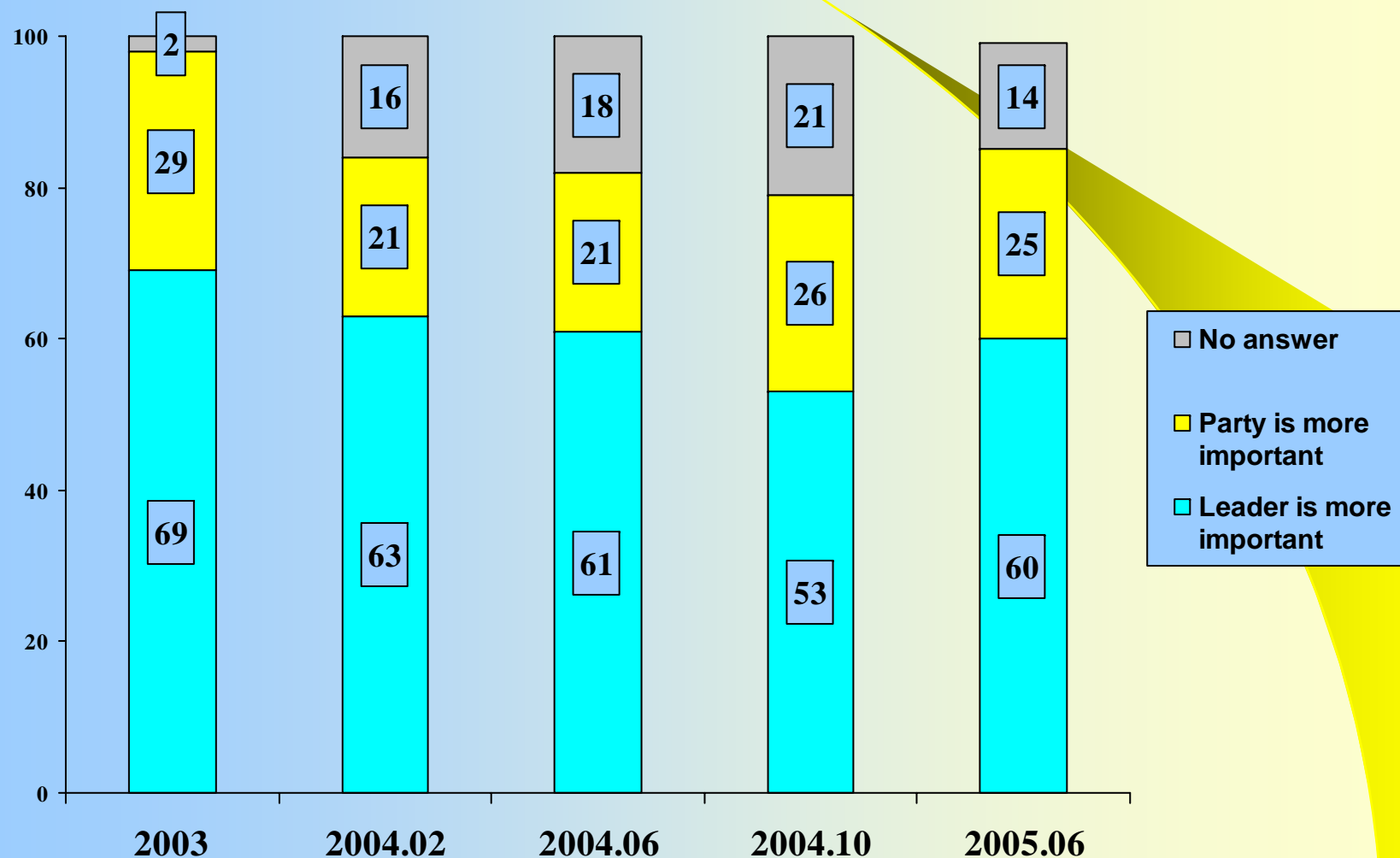
Interest in politics

- Interest in politics has decreased somewhat: now 29% of Georgians show a high level of interest (in October 2004 it was 32%, in June 2004 - 38%, in February 2004 - 46%) while 39% (in October 2004 it was 38%, in June 2004 - 33% and in February 2004 - 29%) are not much interested in politics (in 2003 as many as 66% were not interested).

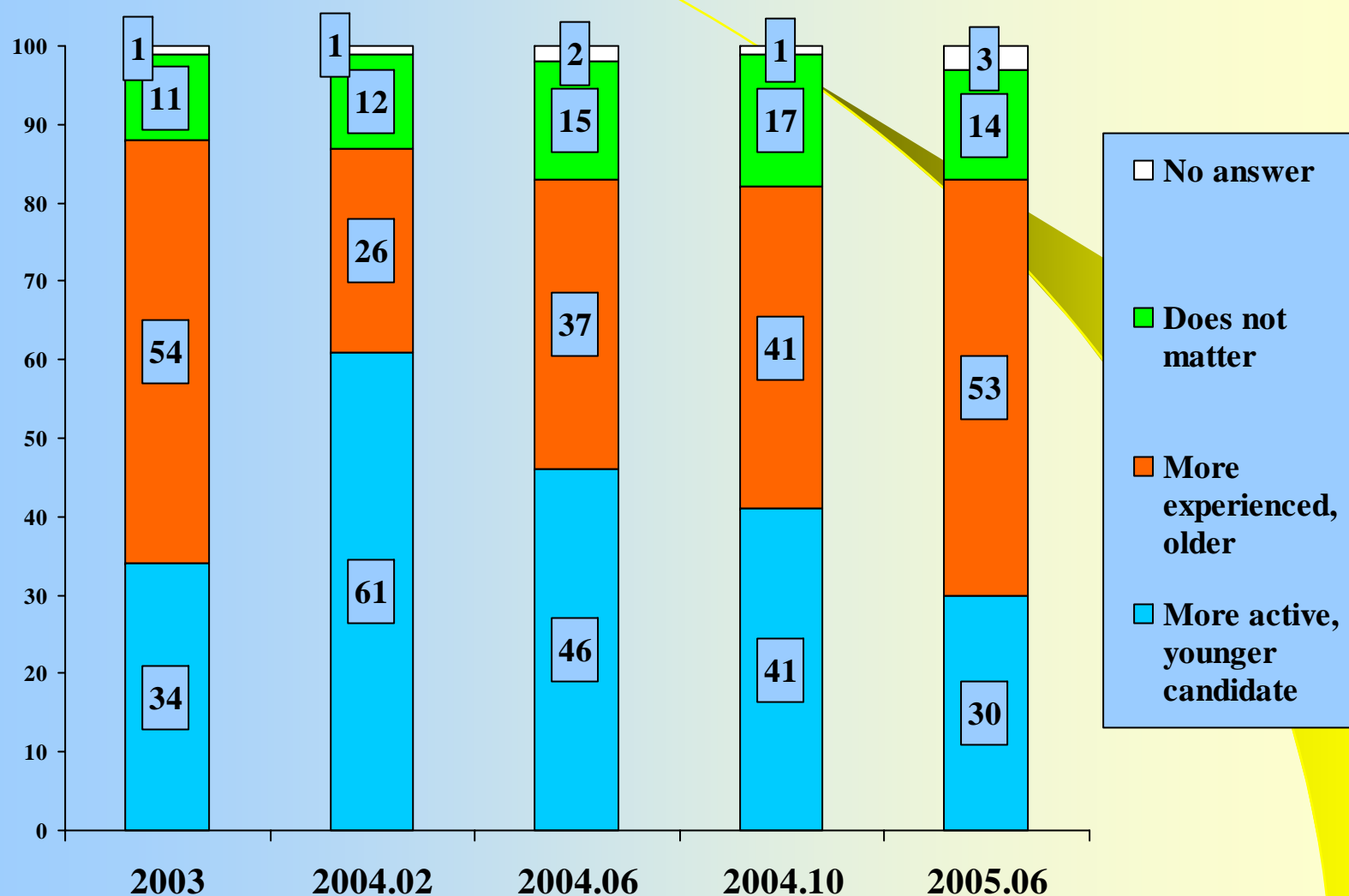
Characteristics/Attributes Most Important in Parliamentary Candidate (June 2005)



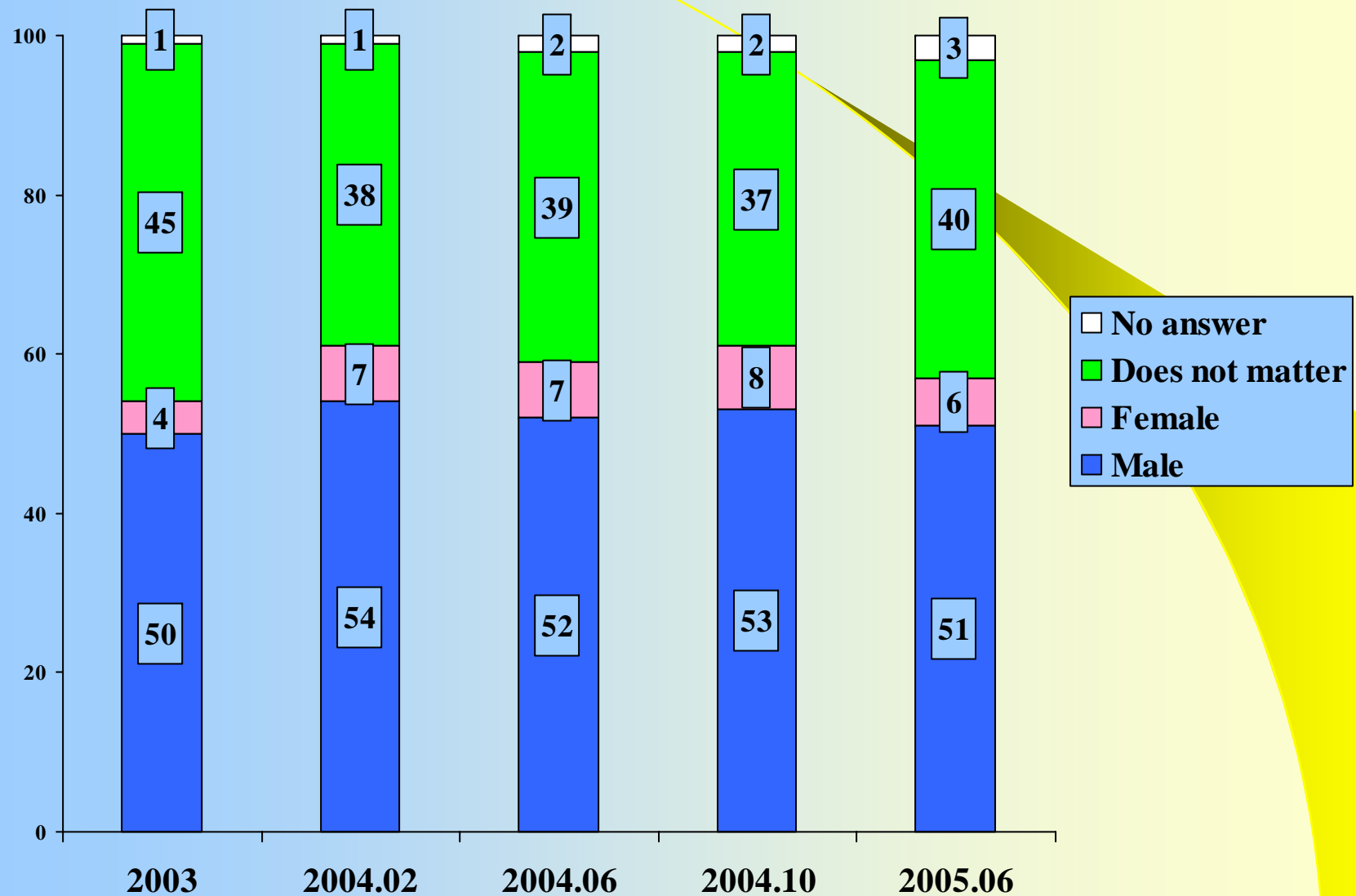
When considering which party to vote for, what is more important:



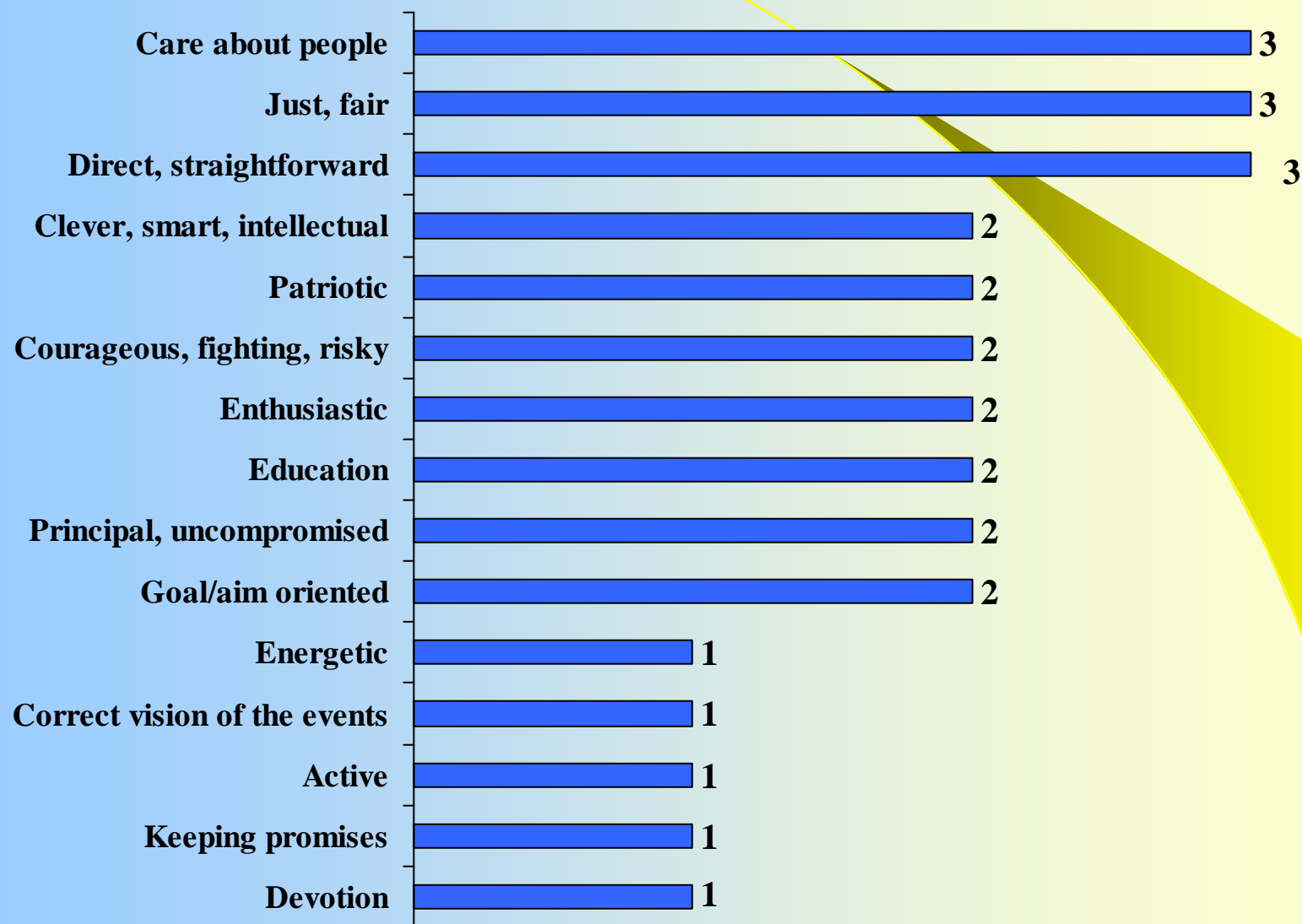
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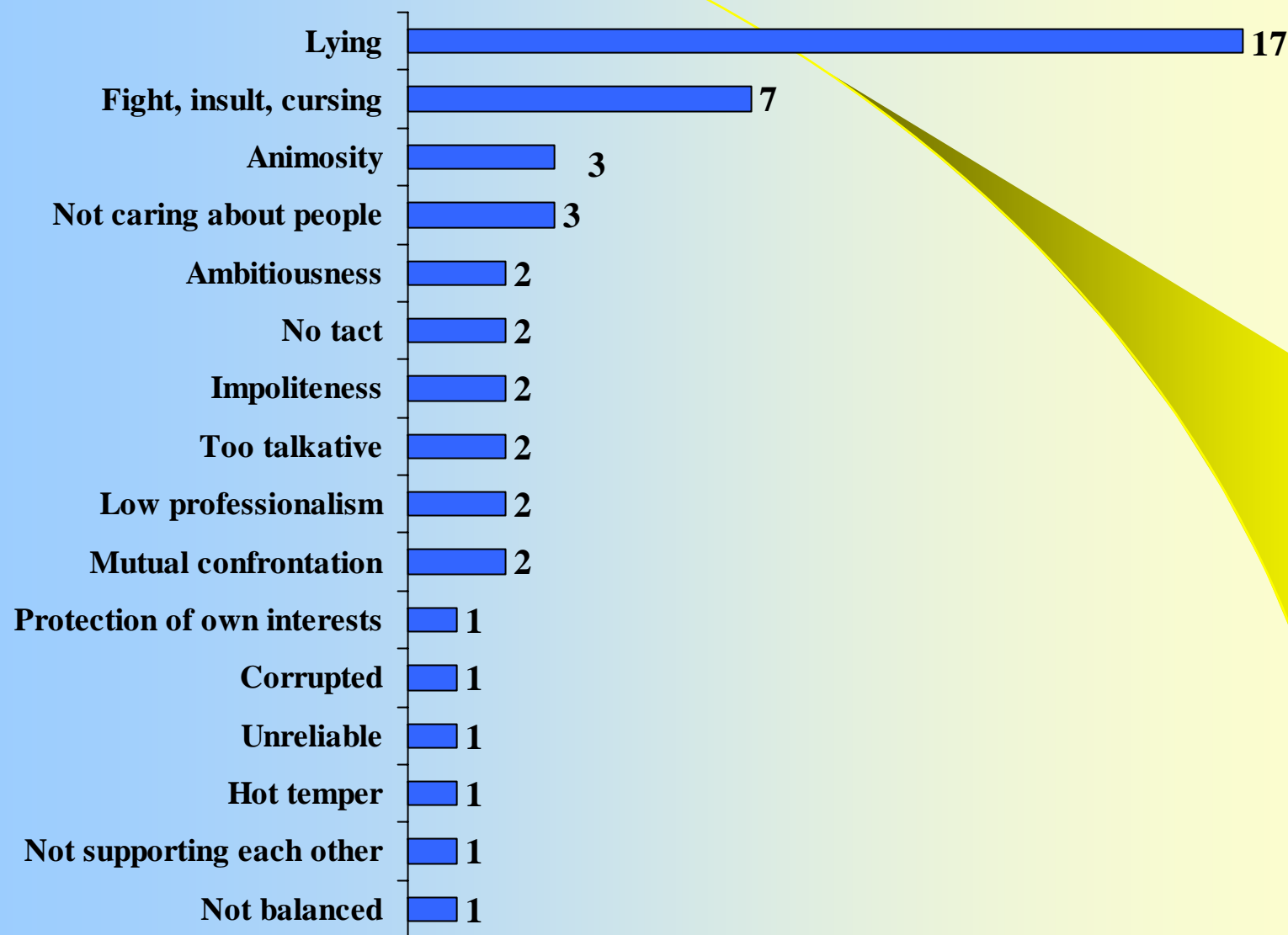
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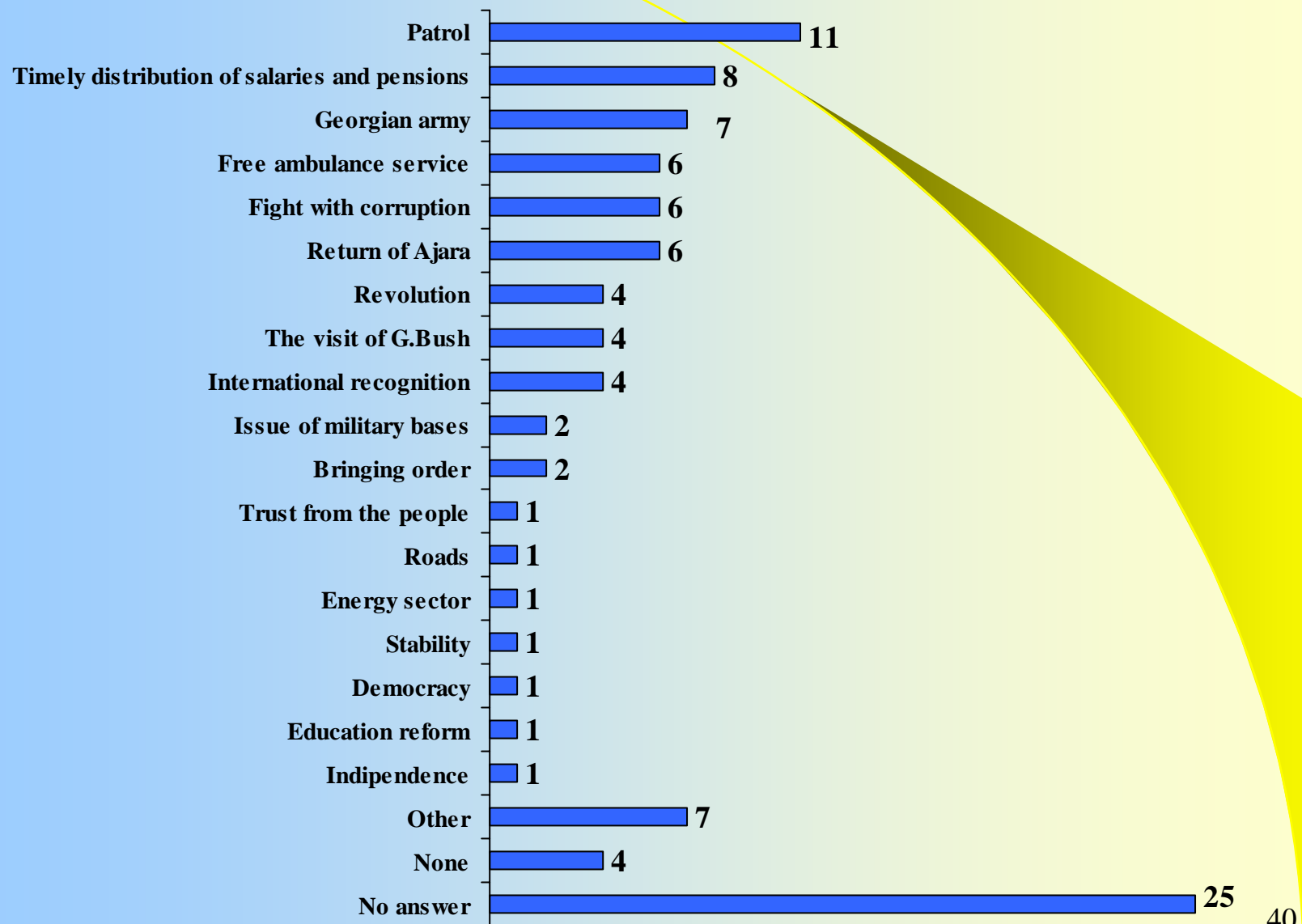
Most liked features of Georgian politicians or parties (June 2005)



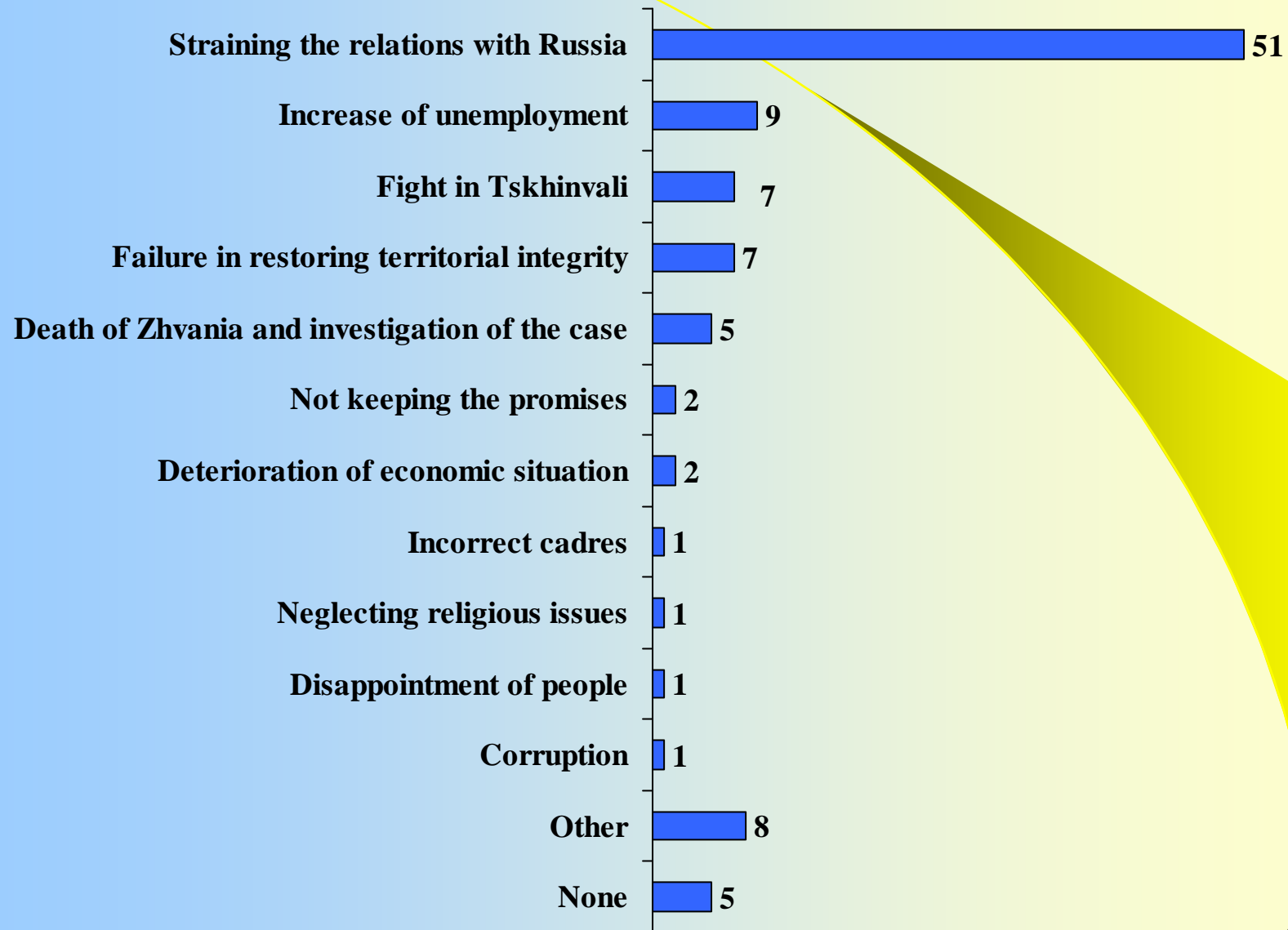
Most disliked features of Georgian politicians or parties (June 2005)



Most important achievements of Georgian Government: (June 2005)



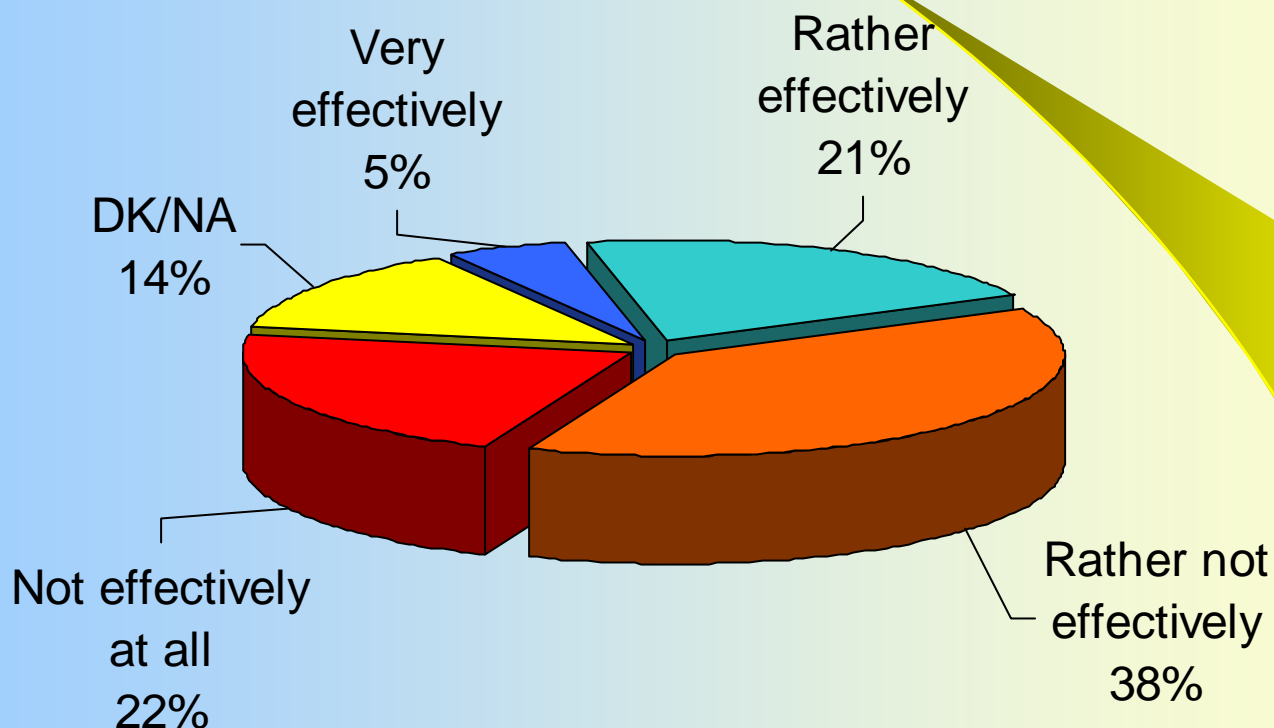
Biggest failures of current Government: (June 2005)



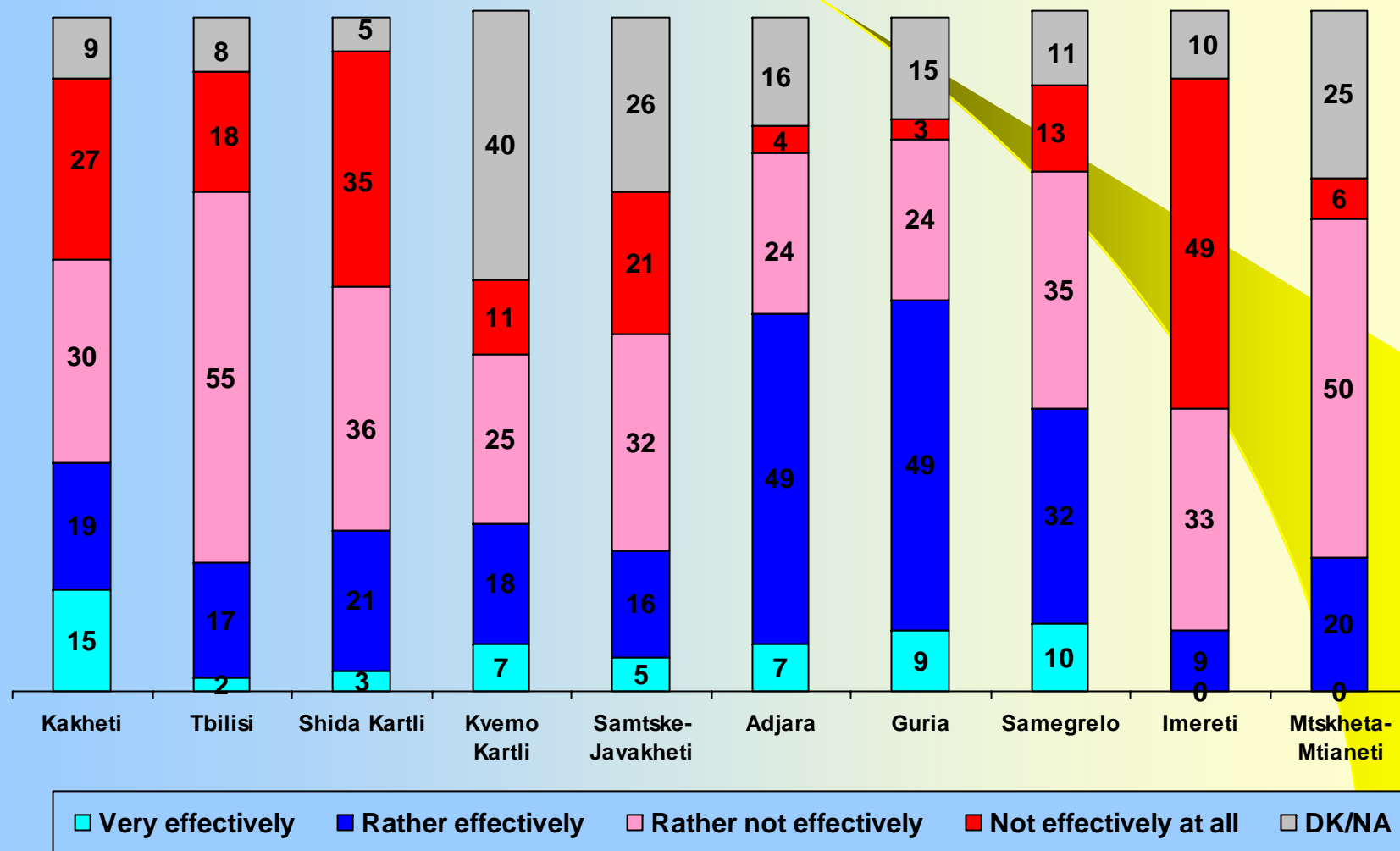
What measures should the new Government apply for state officials who are guilty of abuse of power?



Do you feel the Governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region or not?



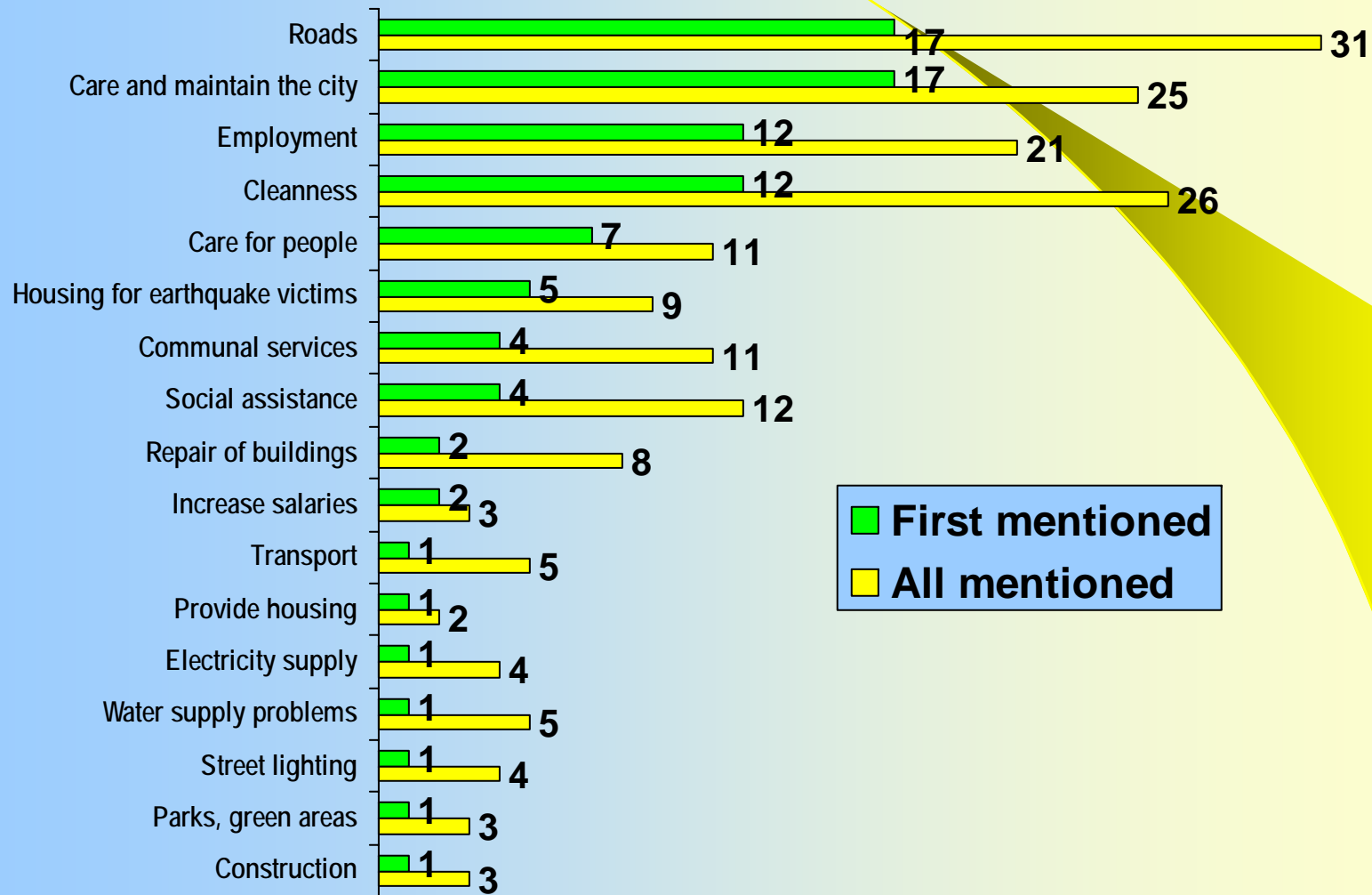
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TBILISI

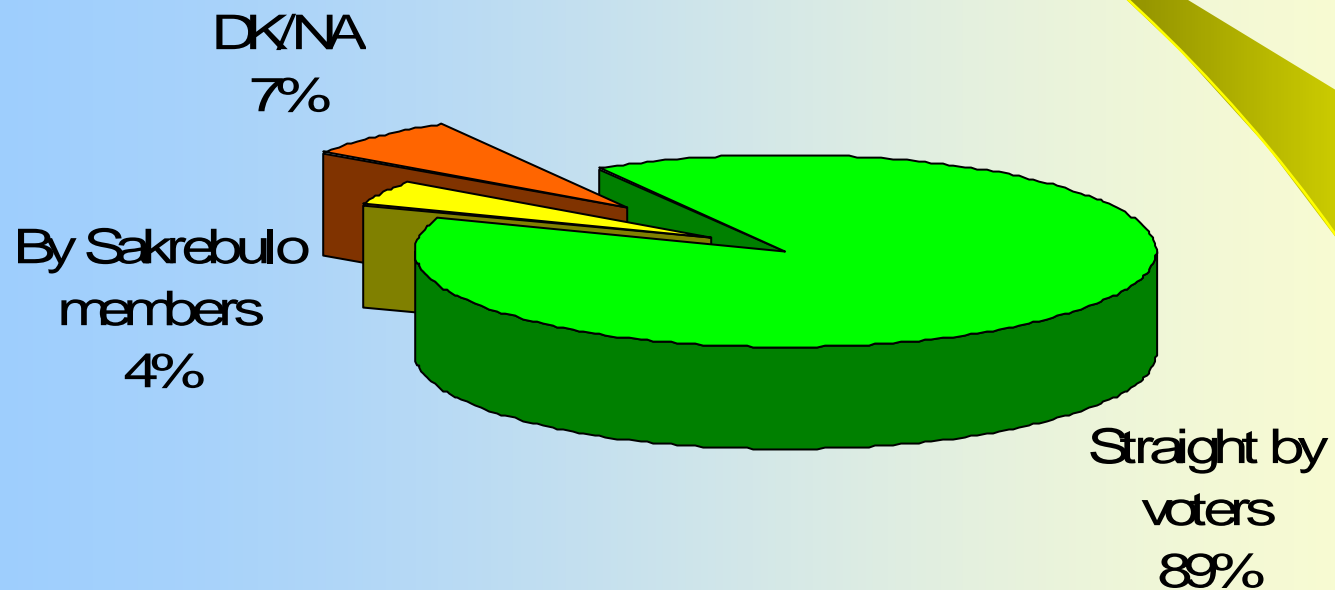
What are three main issues that newly elected Mayor need to take care about?

(Residents of Tbilisi. N=496)



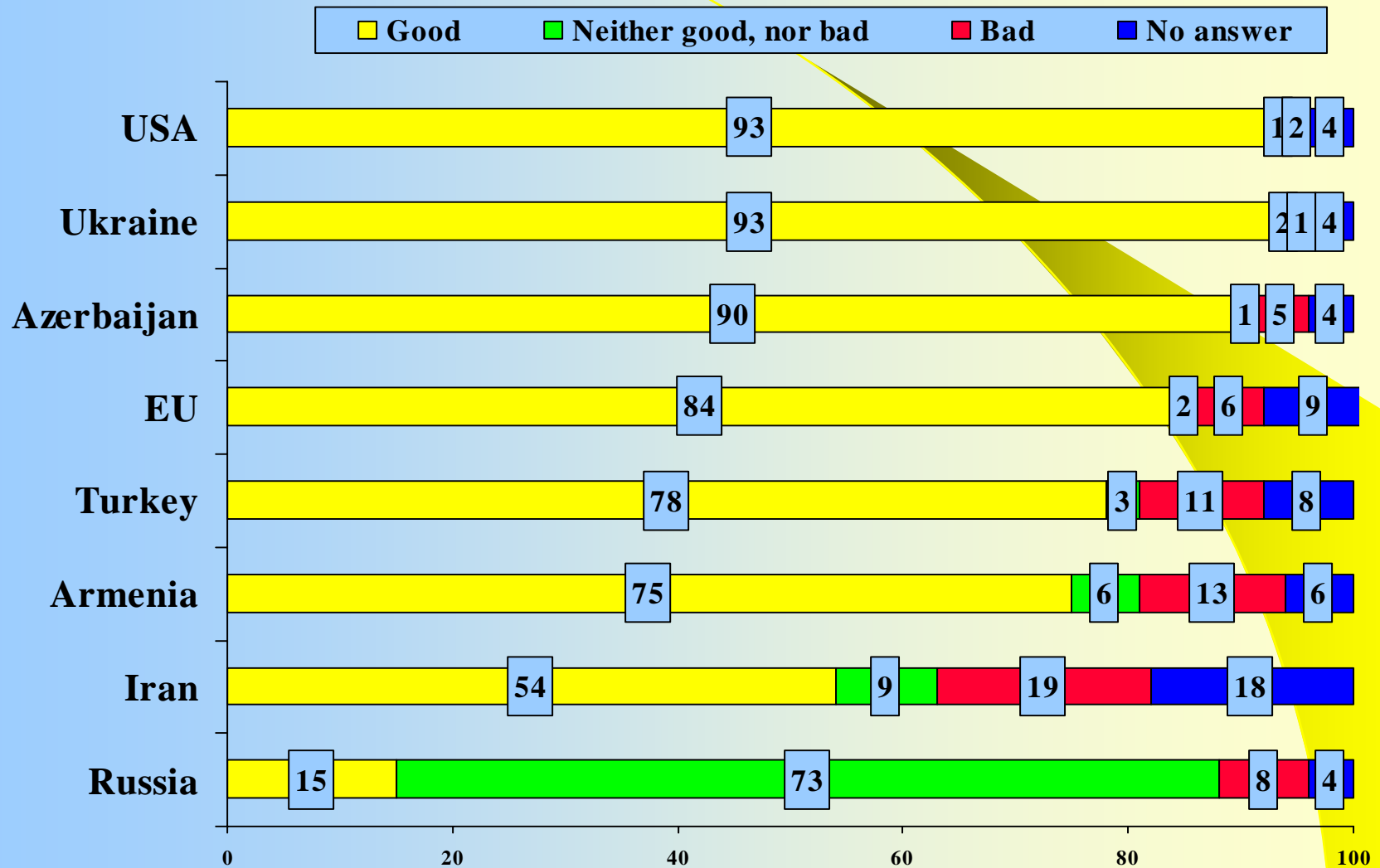
The Mayor of Tbilisi needs to be elected straight by voters or by Sakrebulo members?

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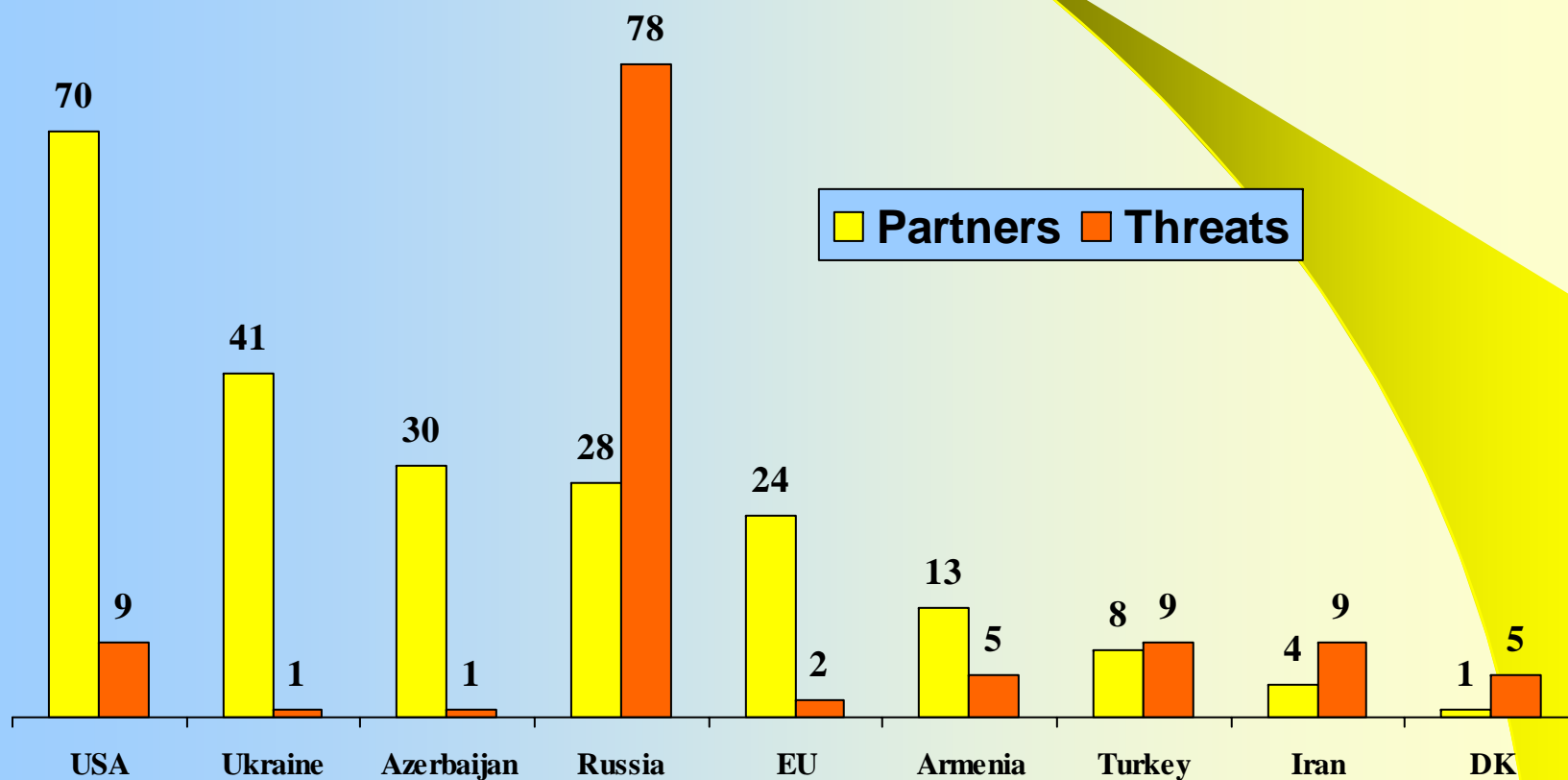
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Evaluation of relations with... (June 2005)

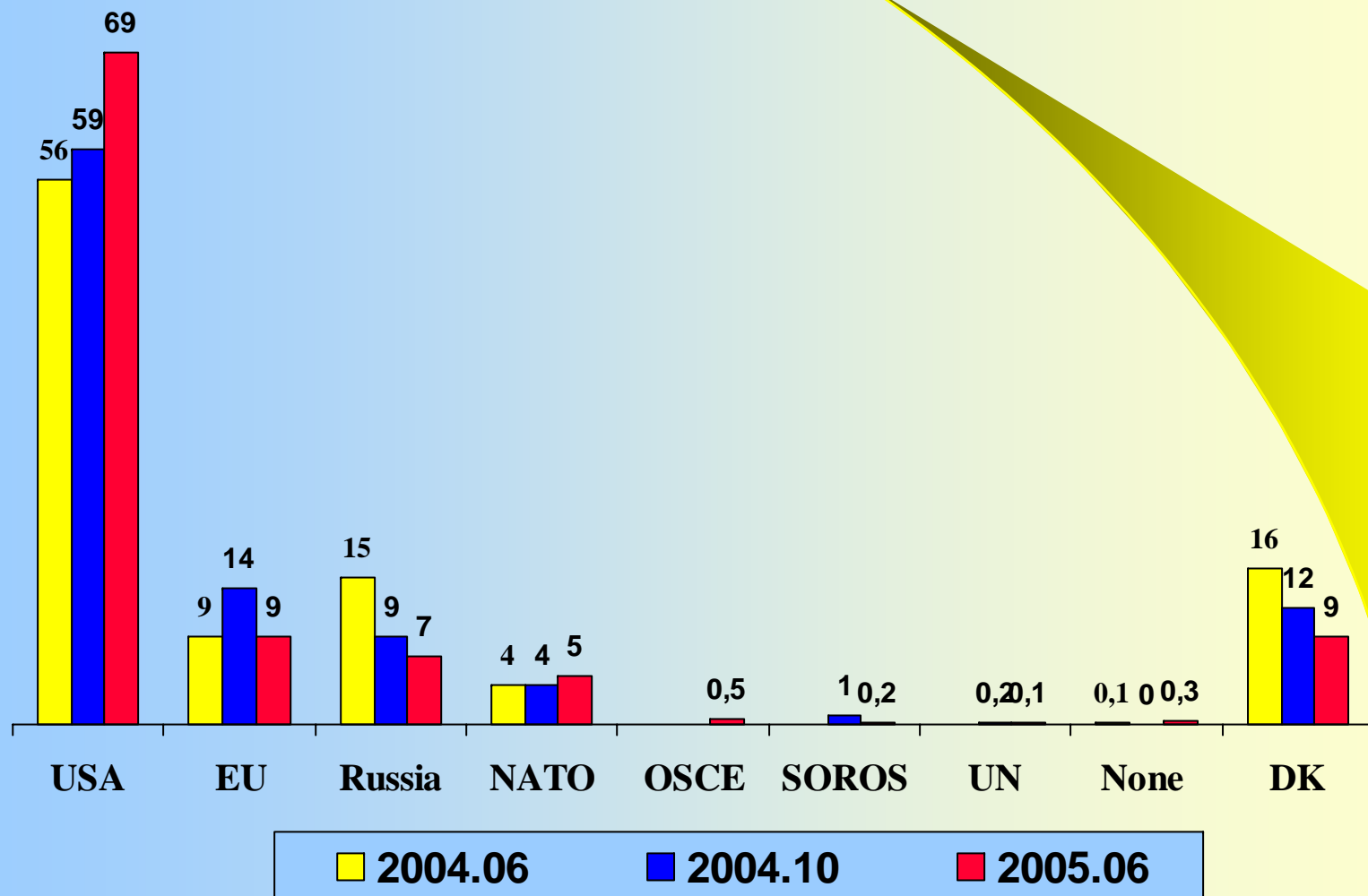


International relations: partners and threats (June 2005)

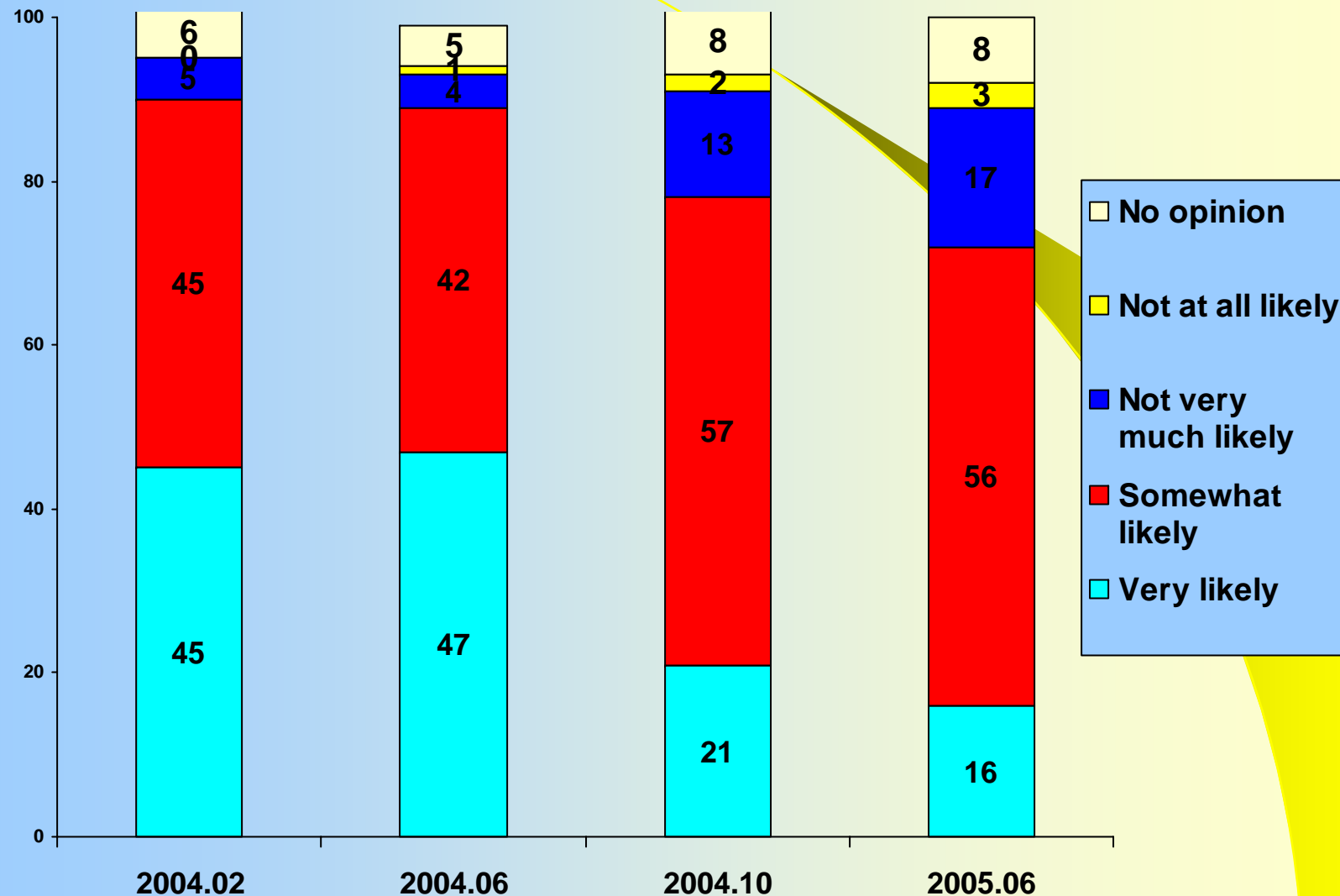
**Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia ?
And which comprise the most political and economic threat ?**



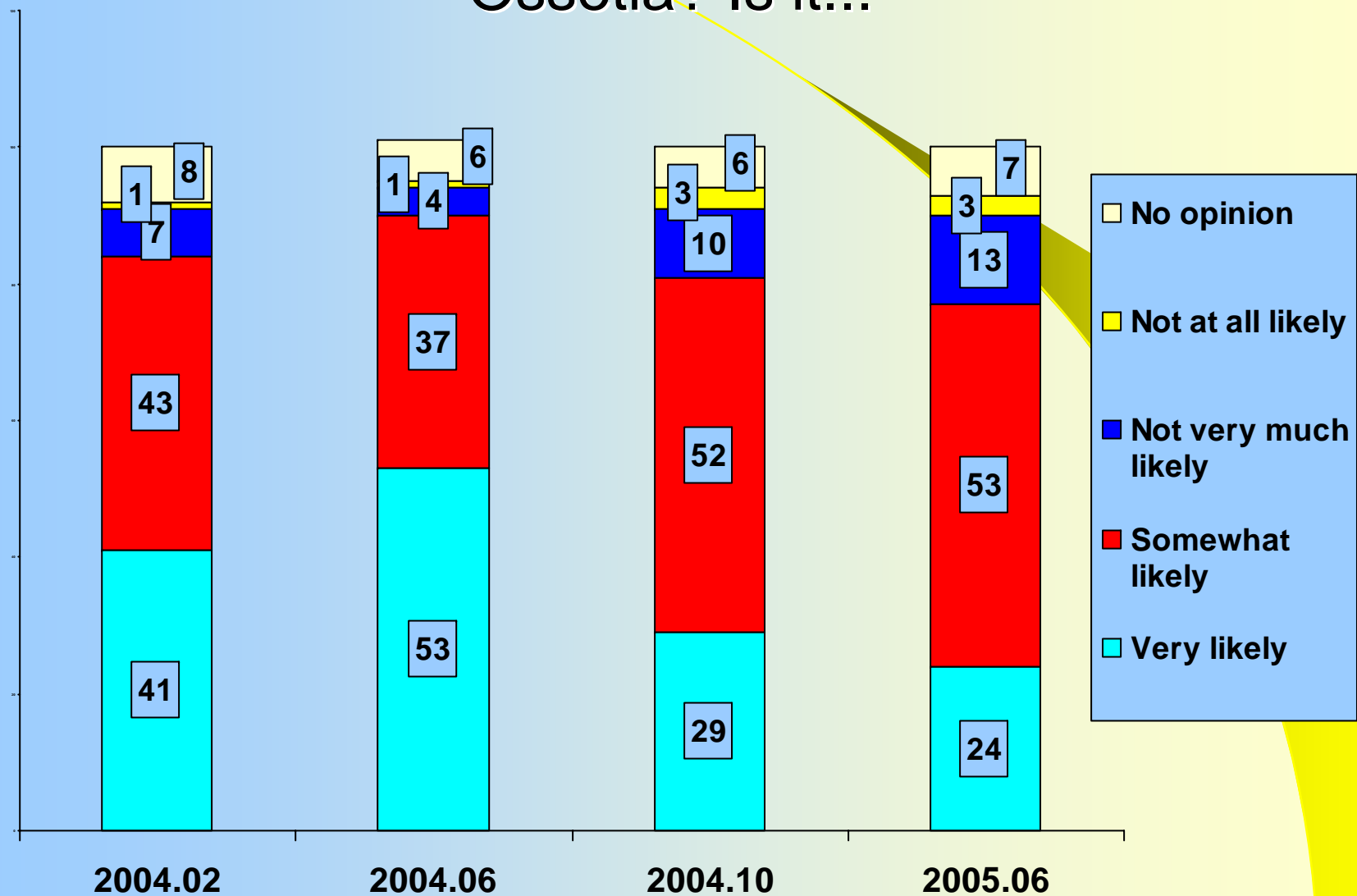
Which country or international organization has the most influence in Georgia at the moment?



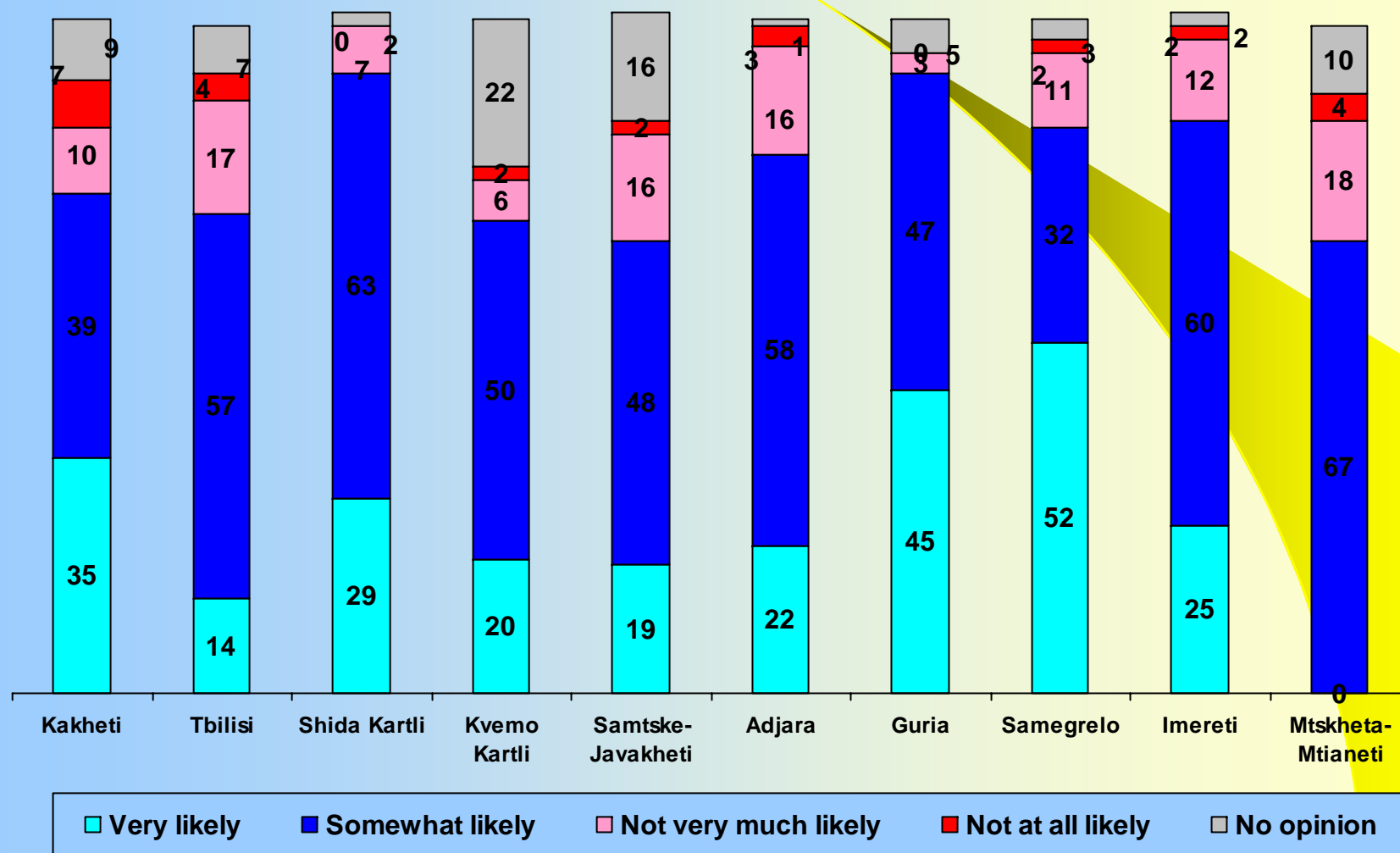
Will the new Georgian Government improve relations between Georgia and Russia? Is it...



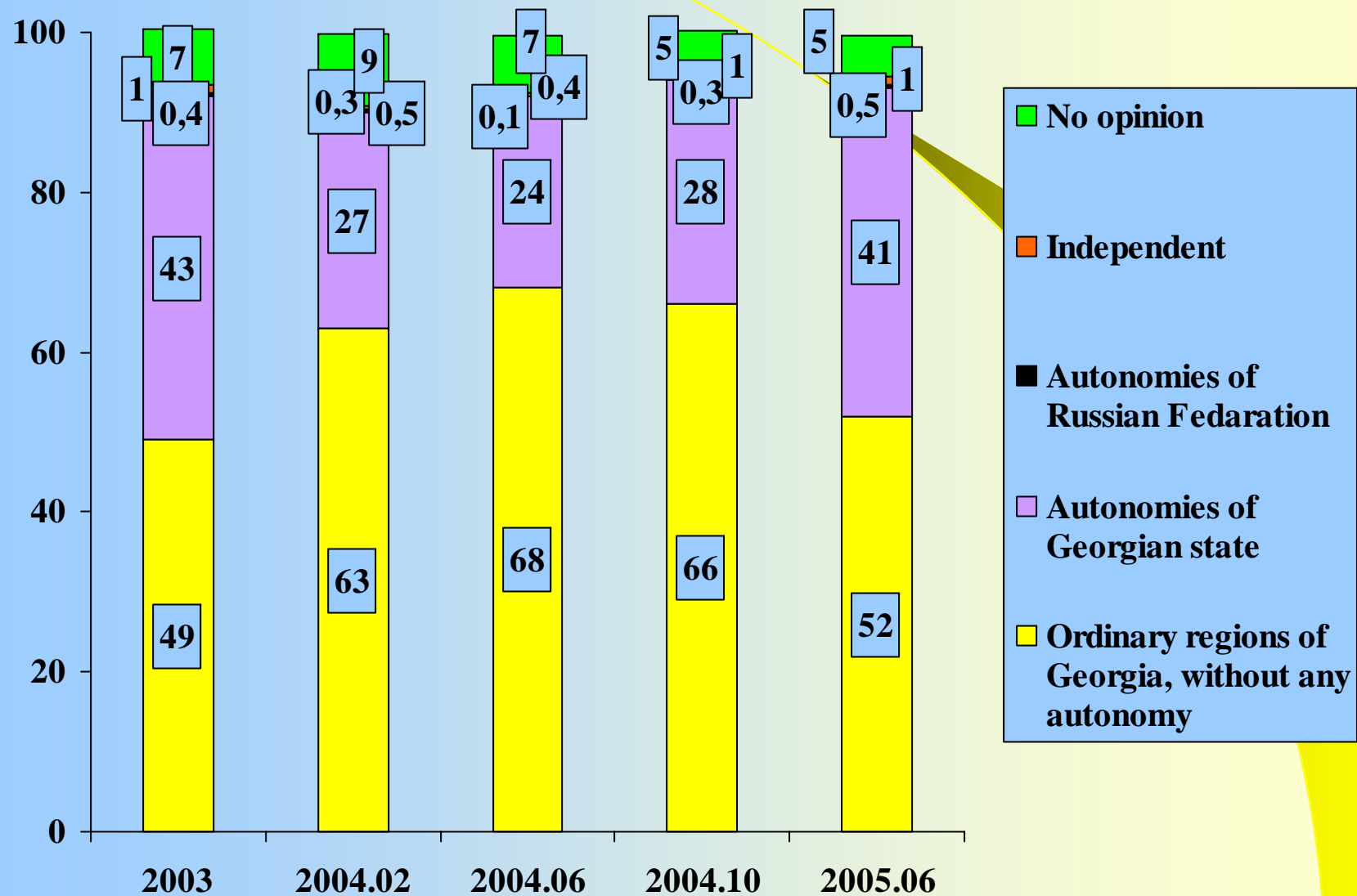
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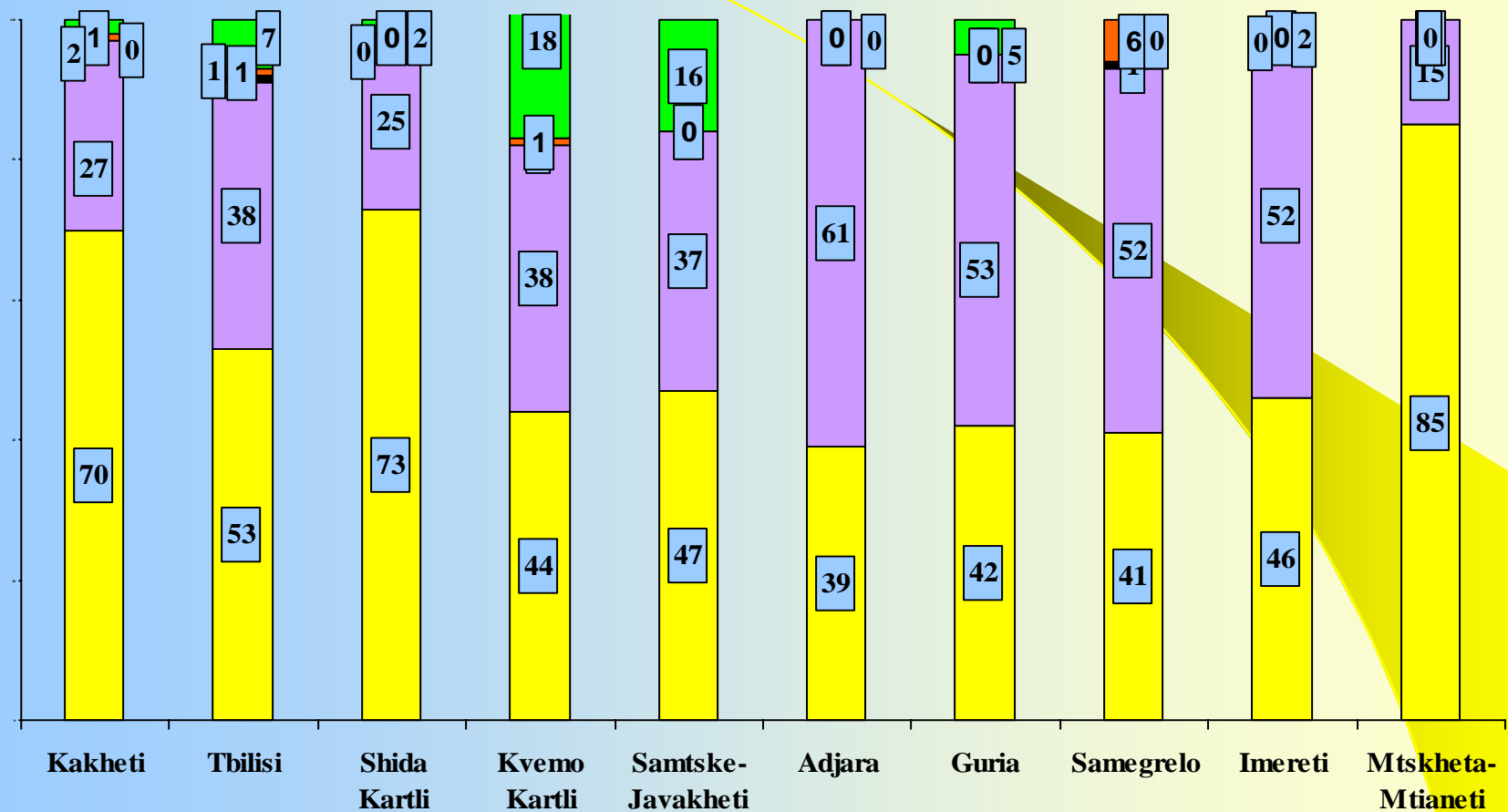
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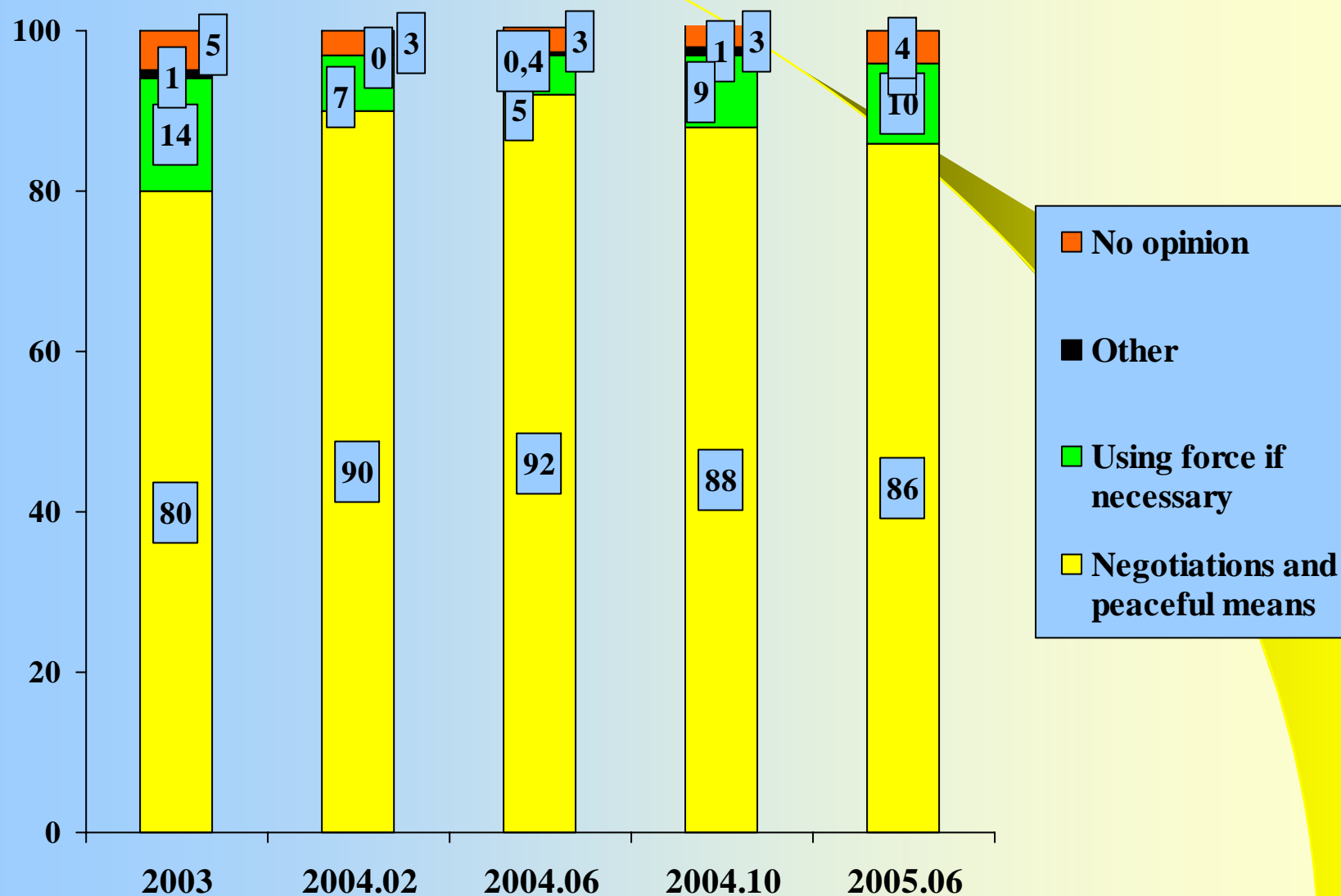
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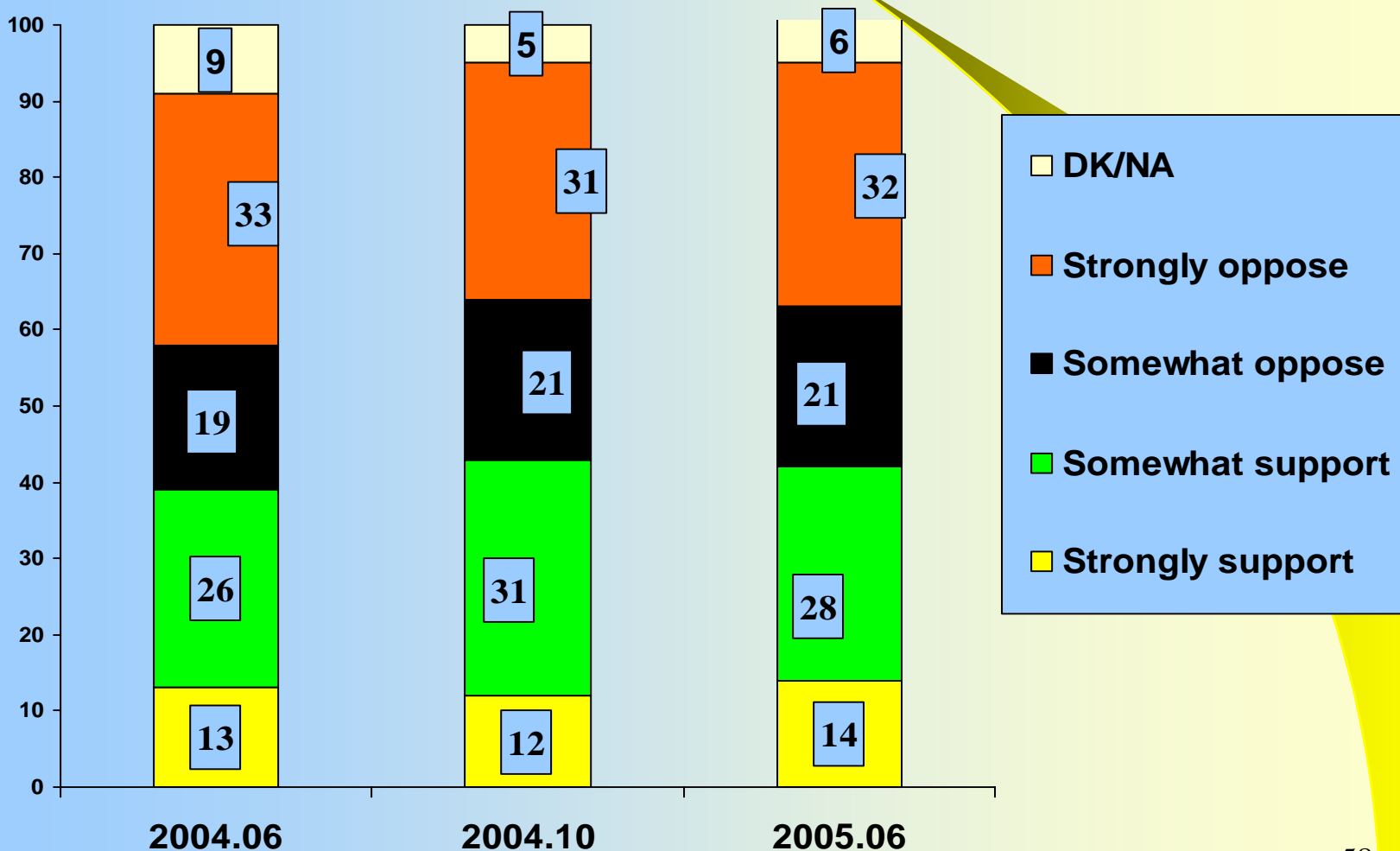
■ Ordinary regions of Georgia, without any autonomy
■ Autonomies of Russian Federation
■ No opinion

■ Autonomies of Georgian state
■ Independent

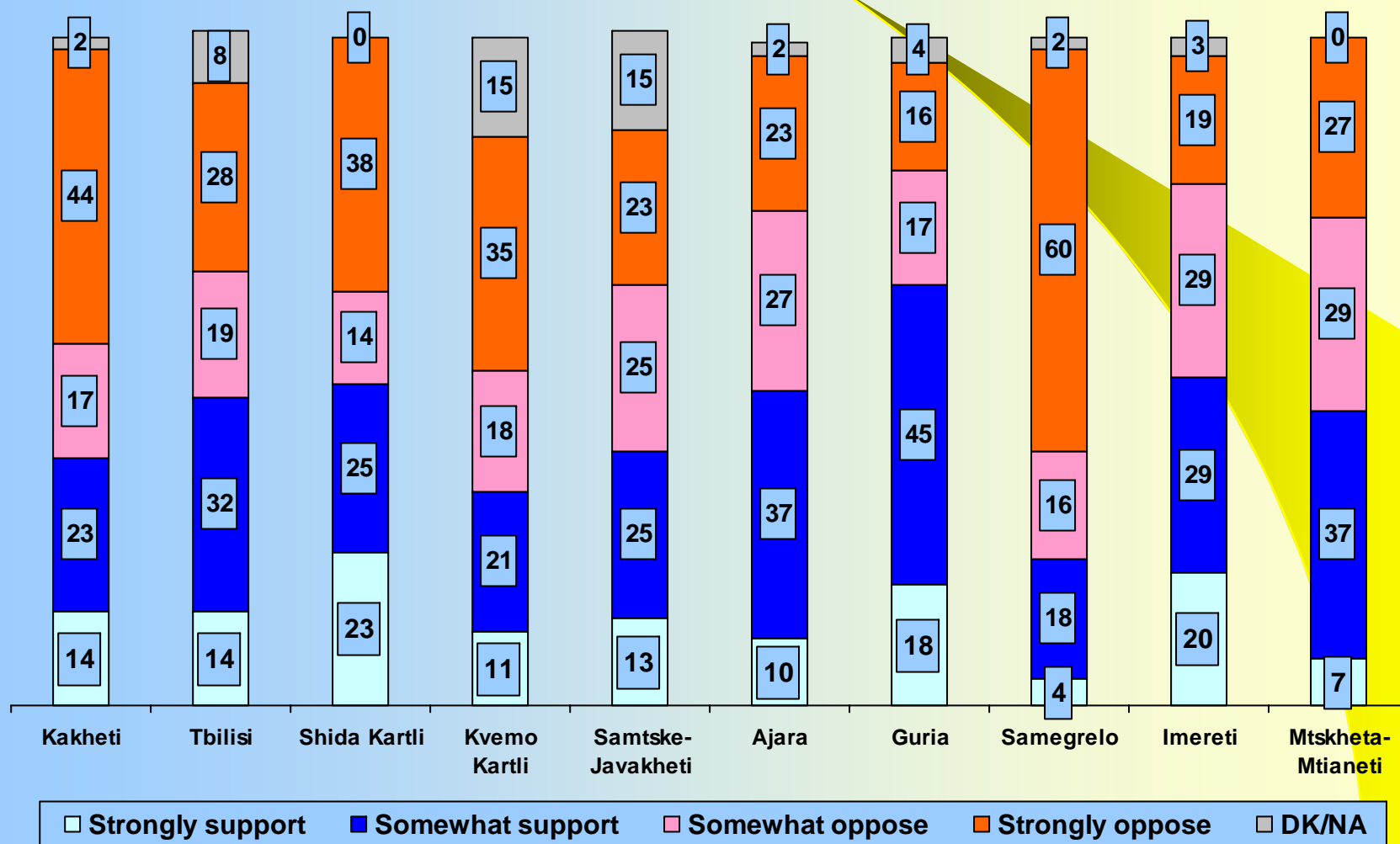
Means to deal with the problems of Abkhazia and South Ossetia:



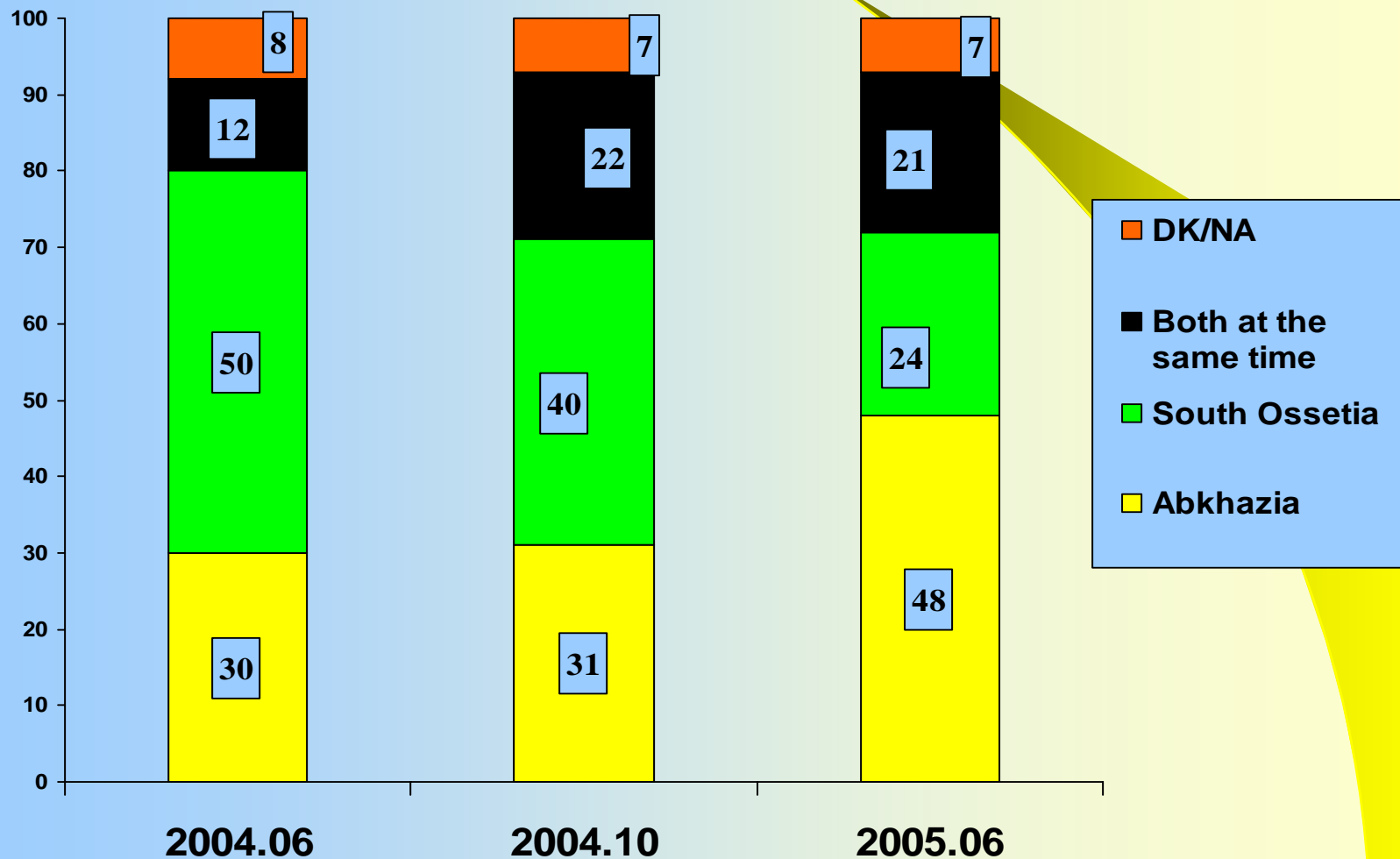
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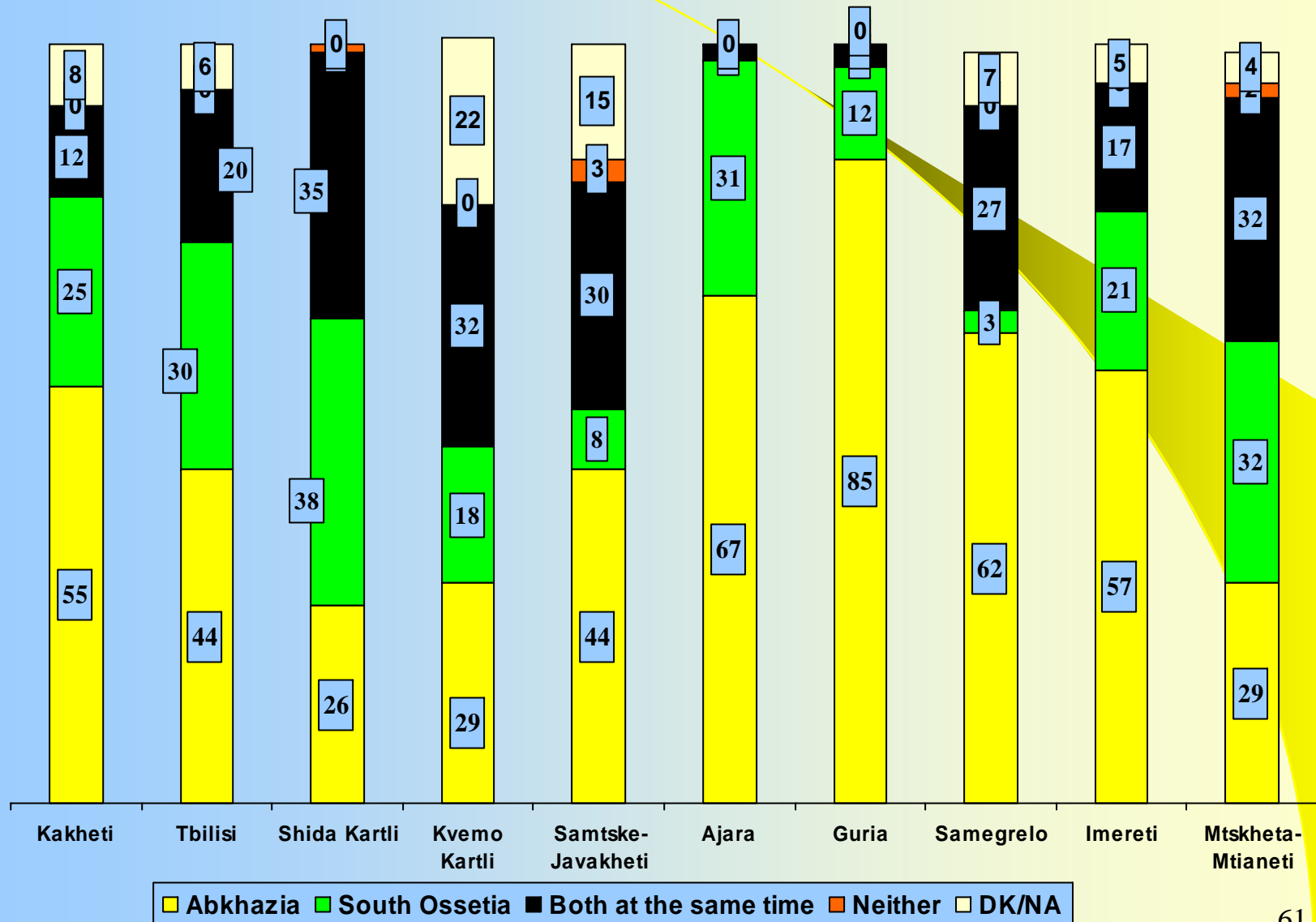
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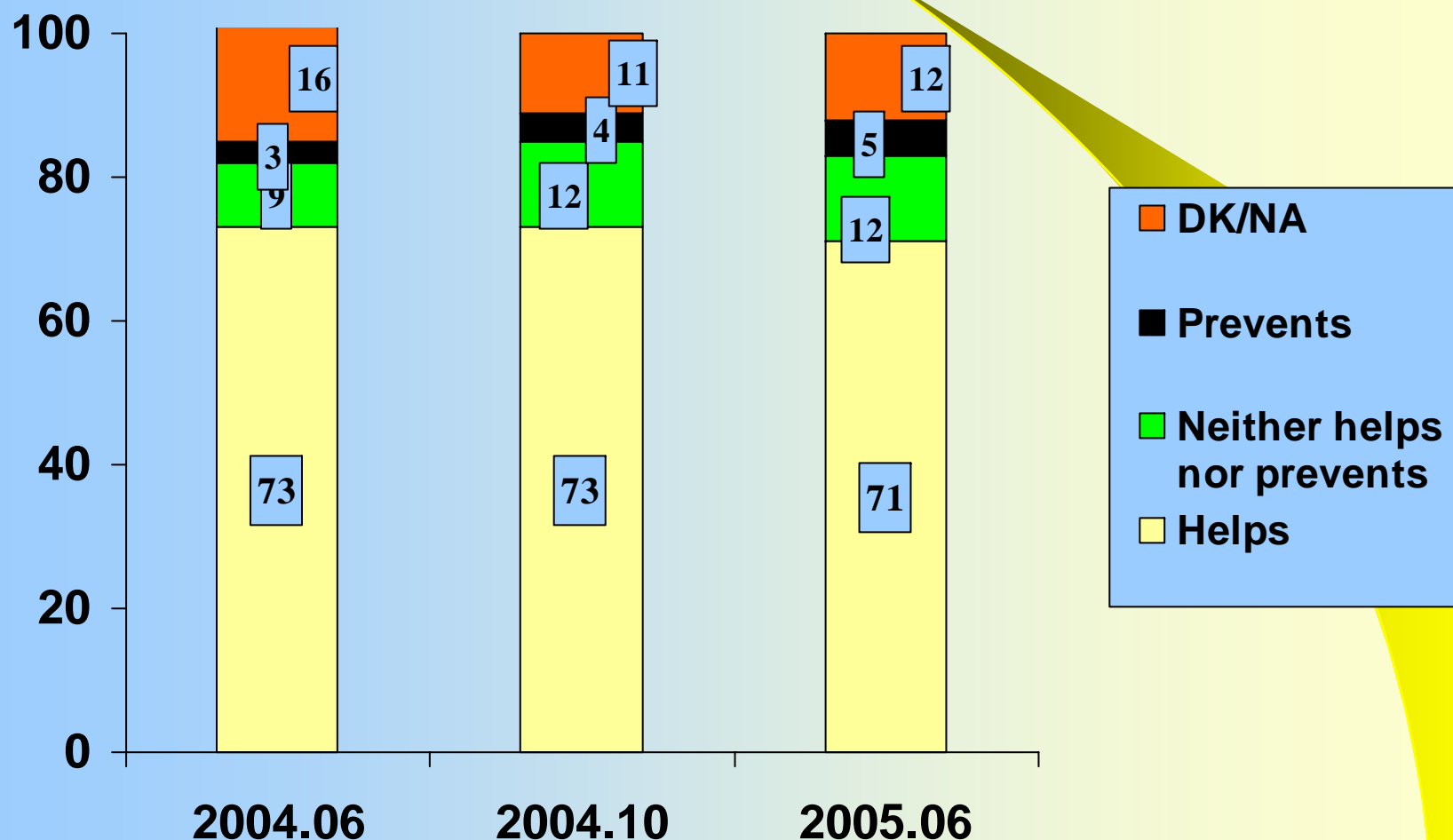
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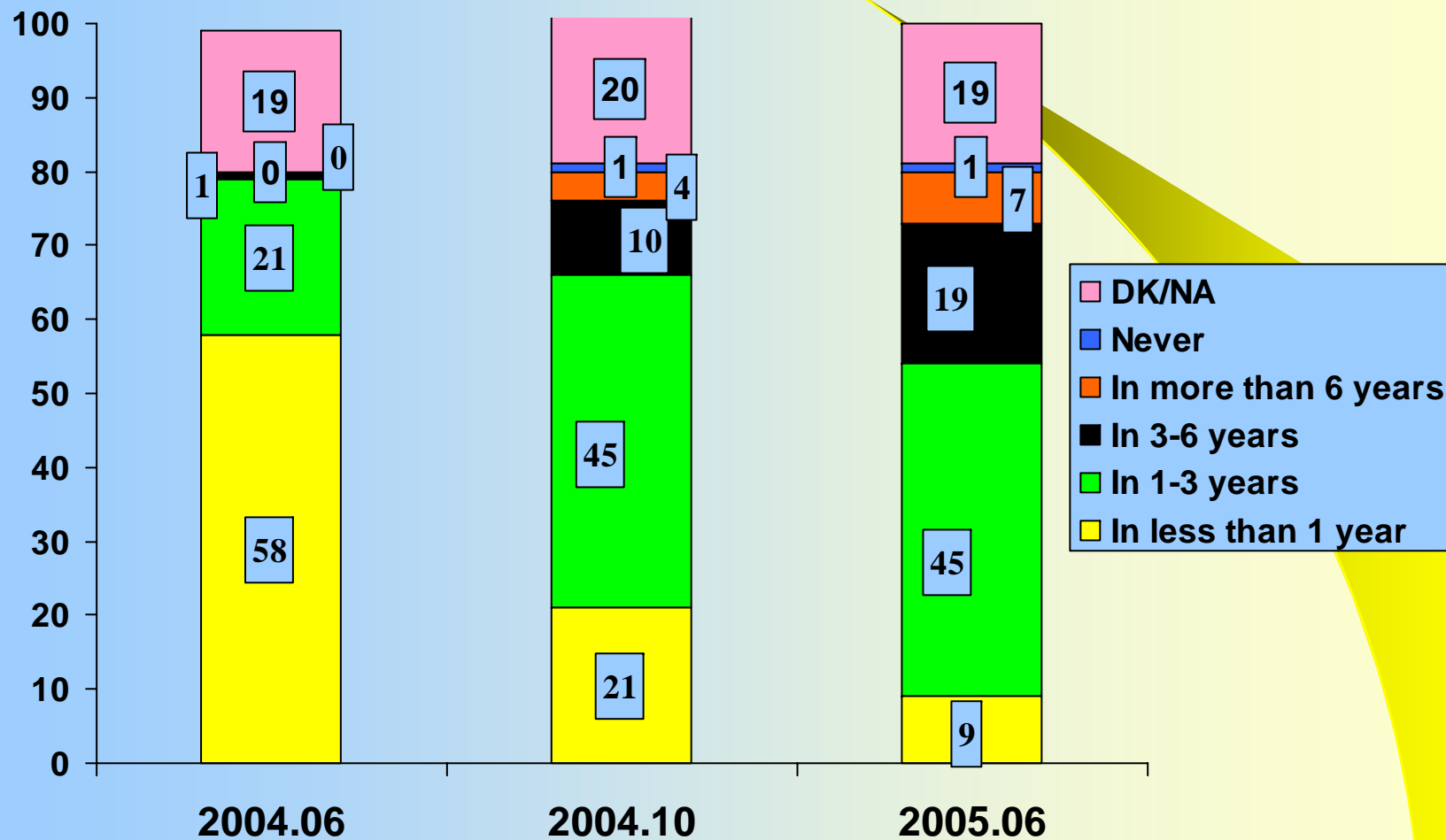
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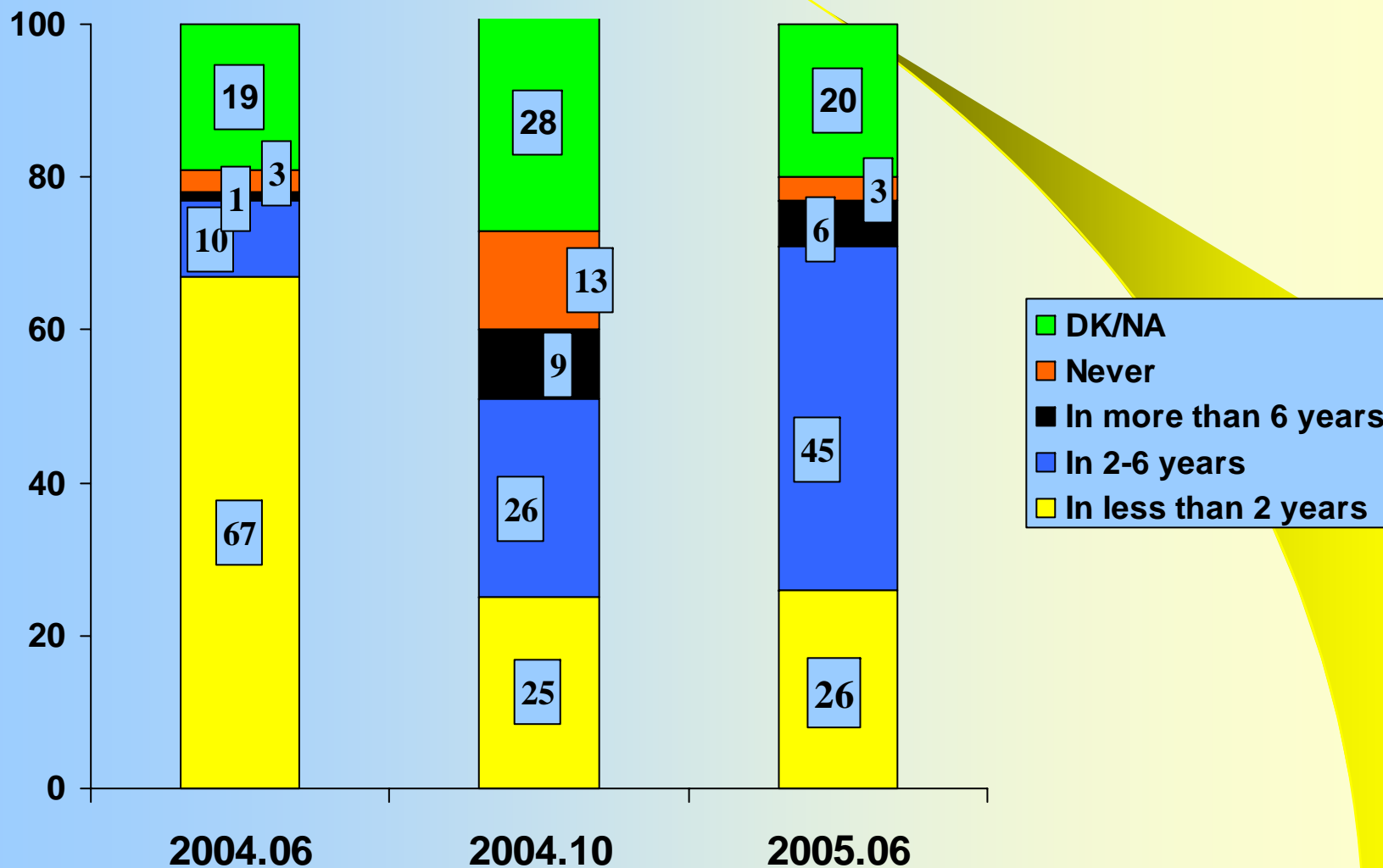
Would the withdrawal of Russian peacekeepers (troops) from South Ossetia help in attaining a solution for the problem of resolving the status of South Ossetia or would it prevent the situation from being resolved?



When, if ever, do you think South Ossetia will be back under the full control of the Georgian government?

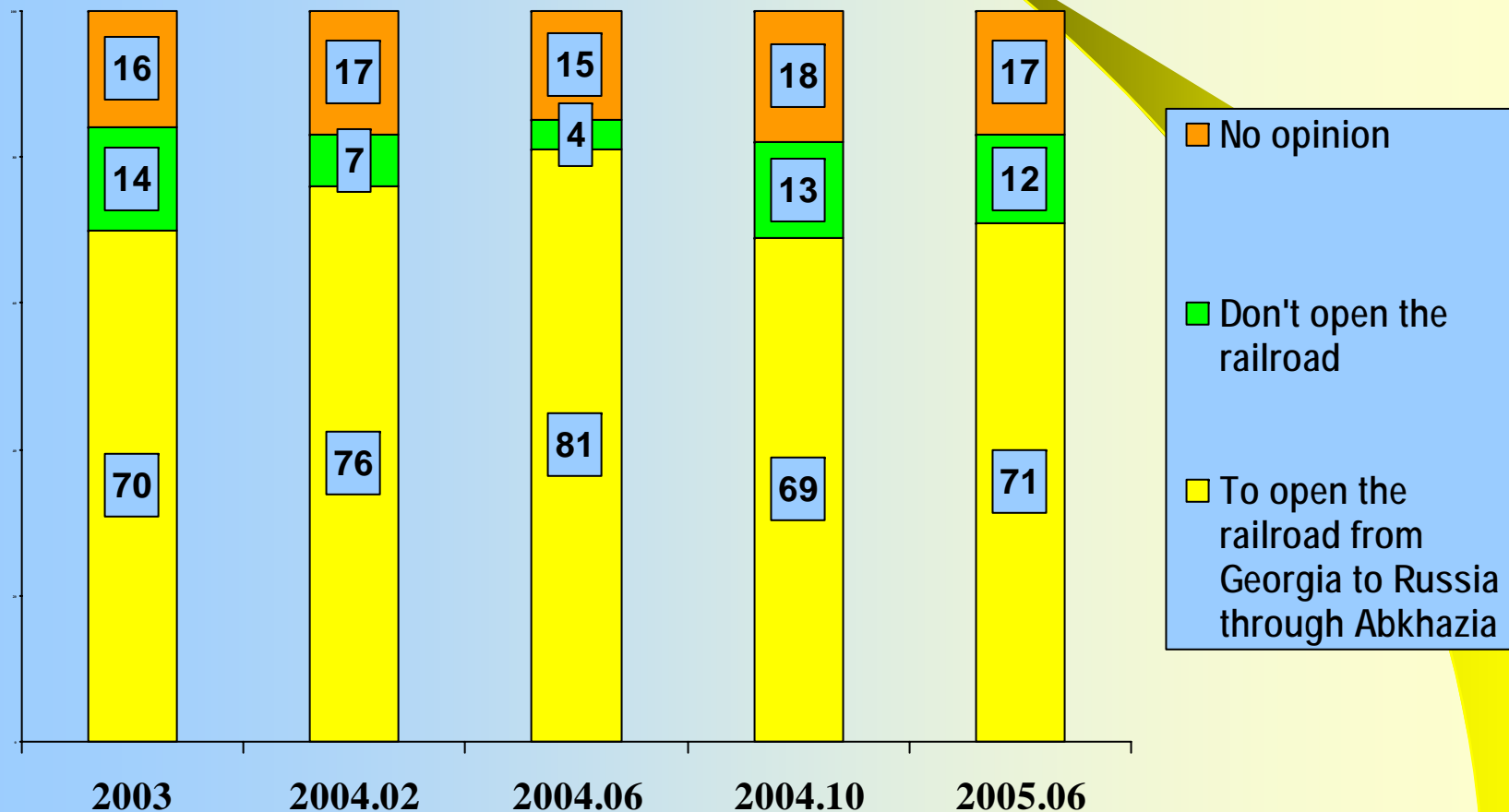


When do you think Russia will close its military bases on Georgian territory and withdraw its troops ... (if ever)?

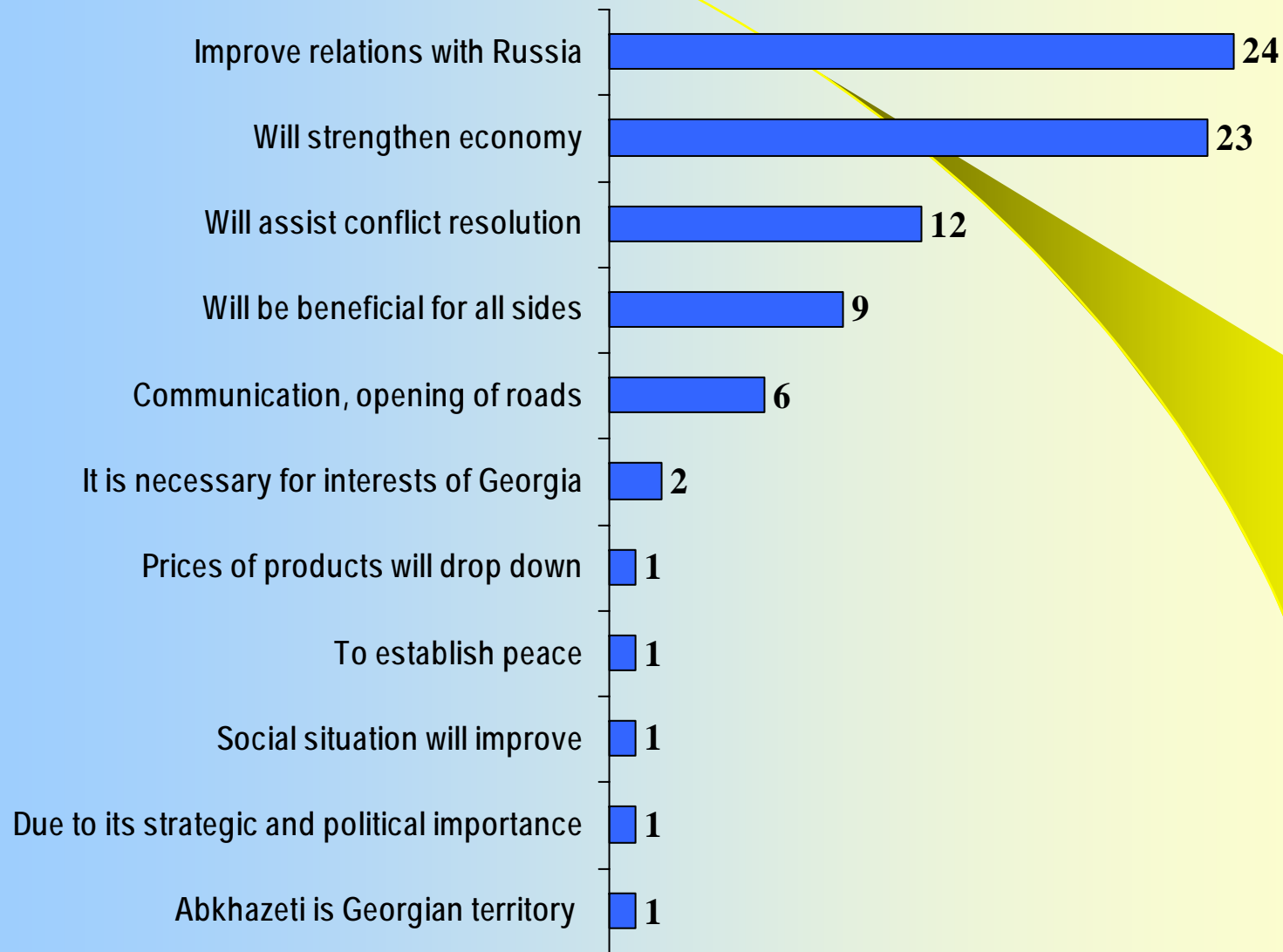


Opinion about the railroad via Abkhazia

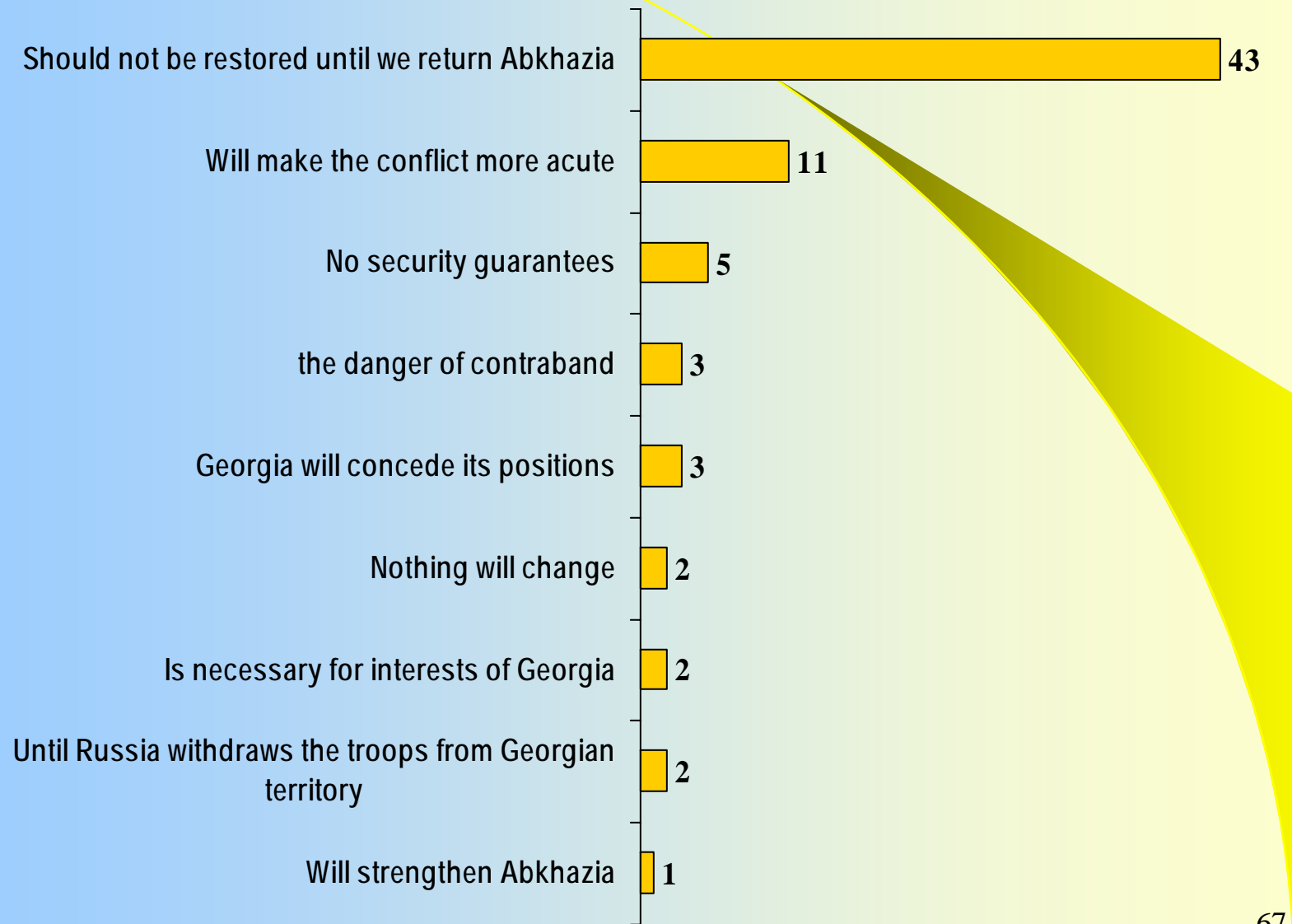
Which of the following better suits Georgian national interests ?



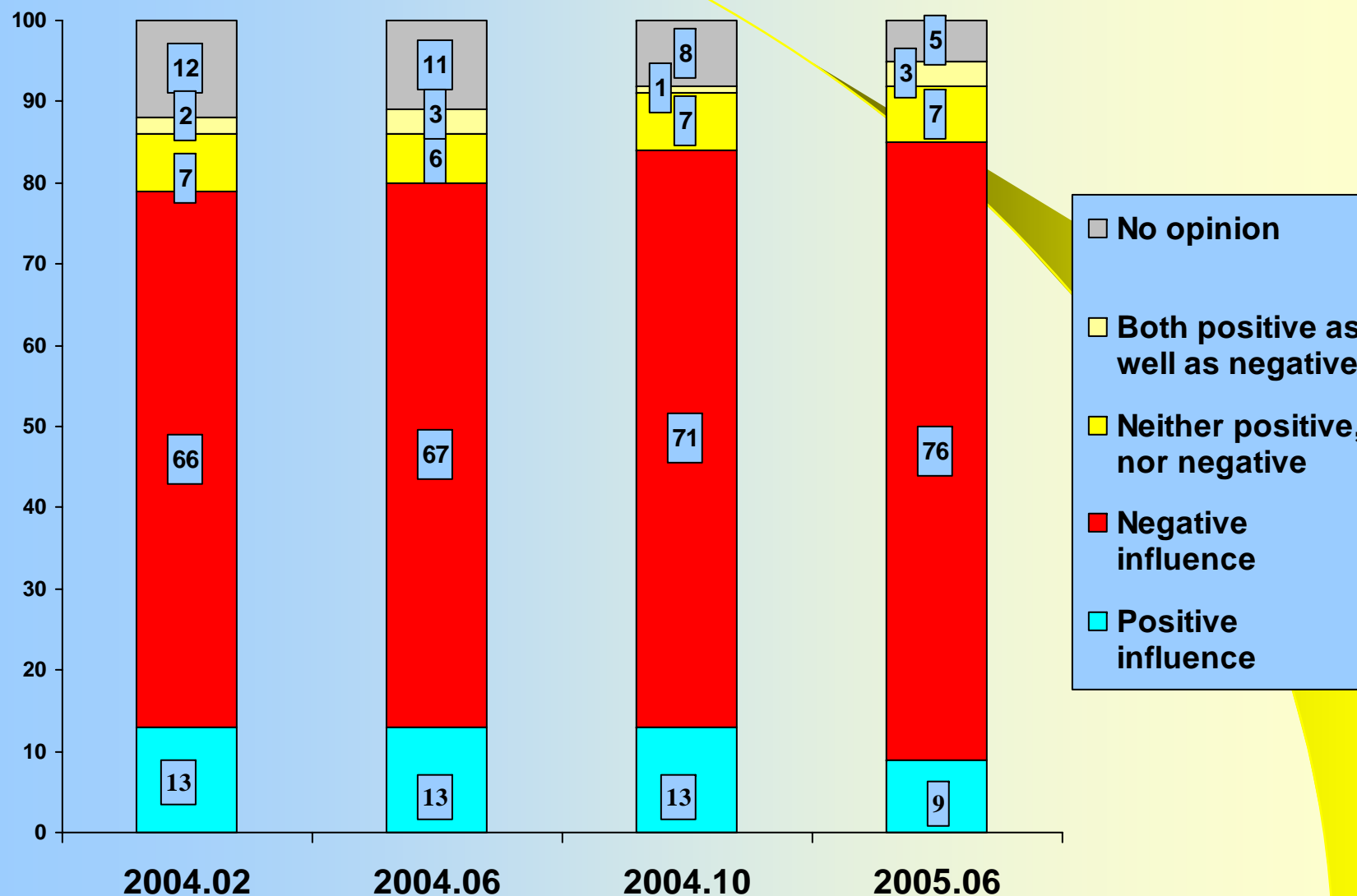
Motives for opening the railroad: (June 2005) (% of people having such opinion)



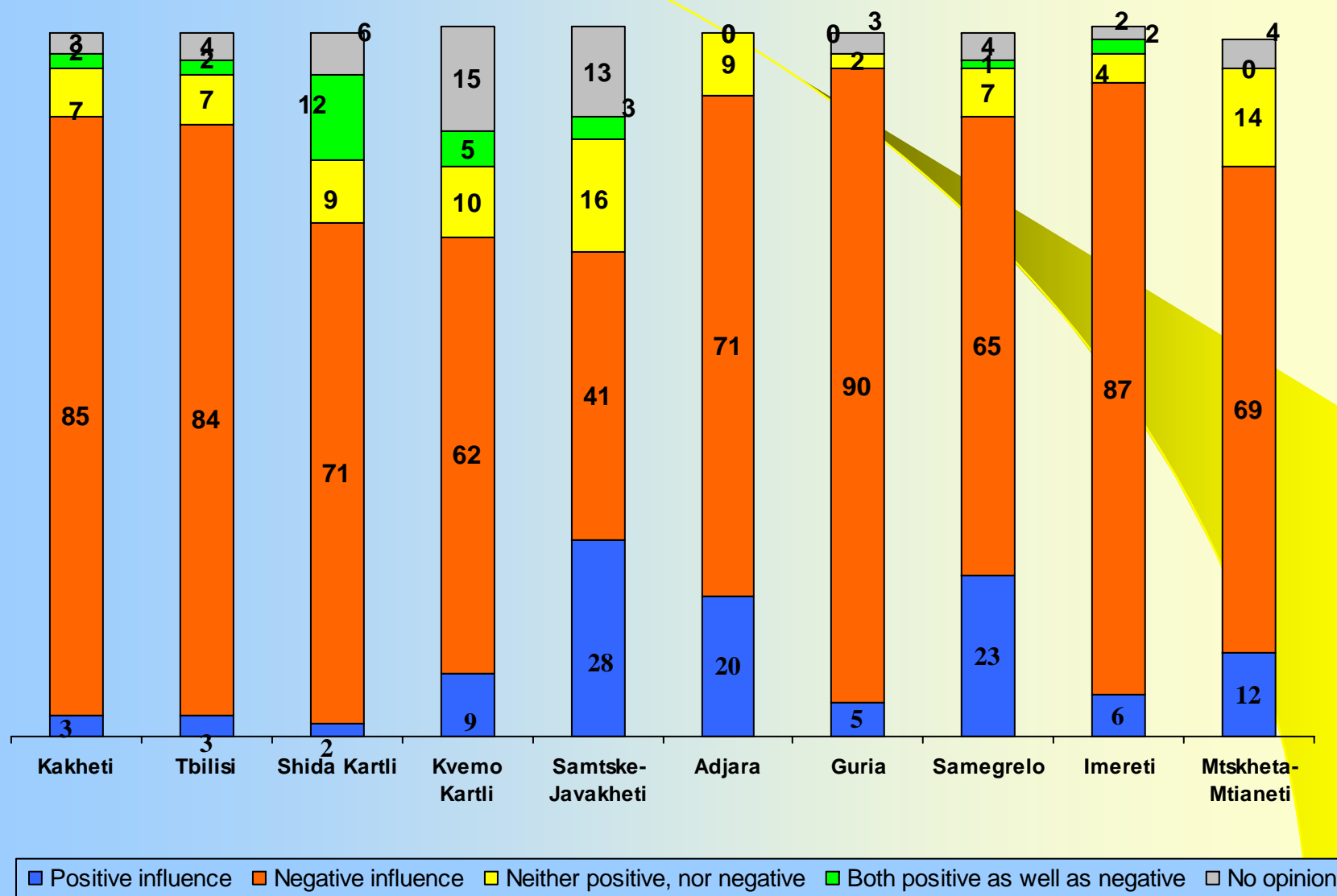
Motives for not opening the railroad: (June 2005) (% of people having such opinion)



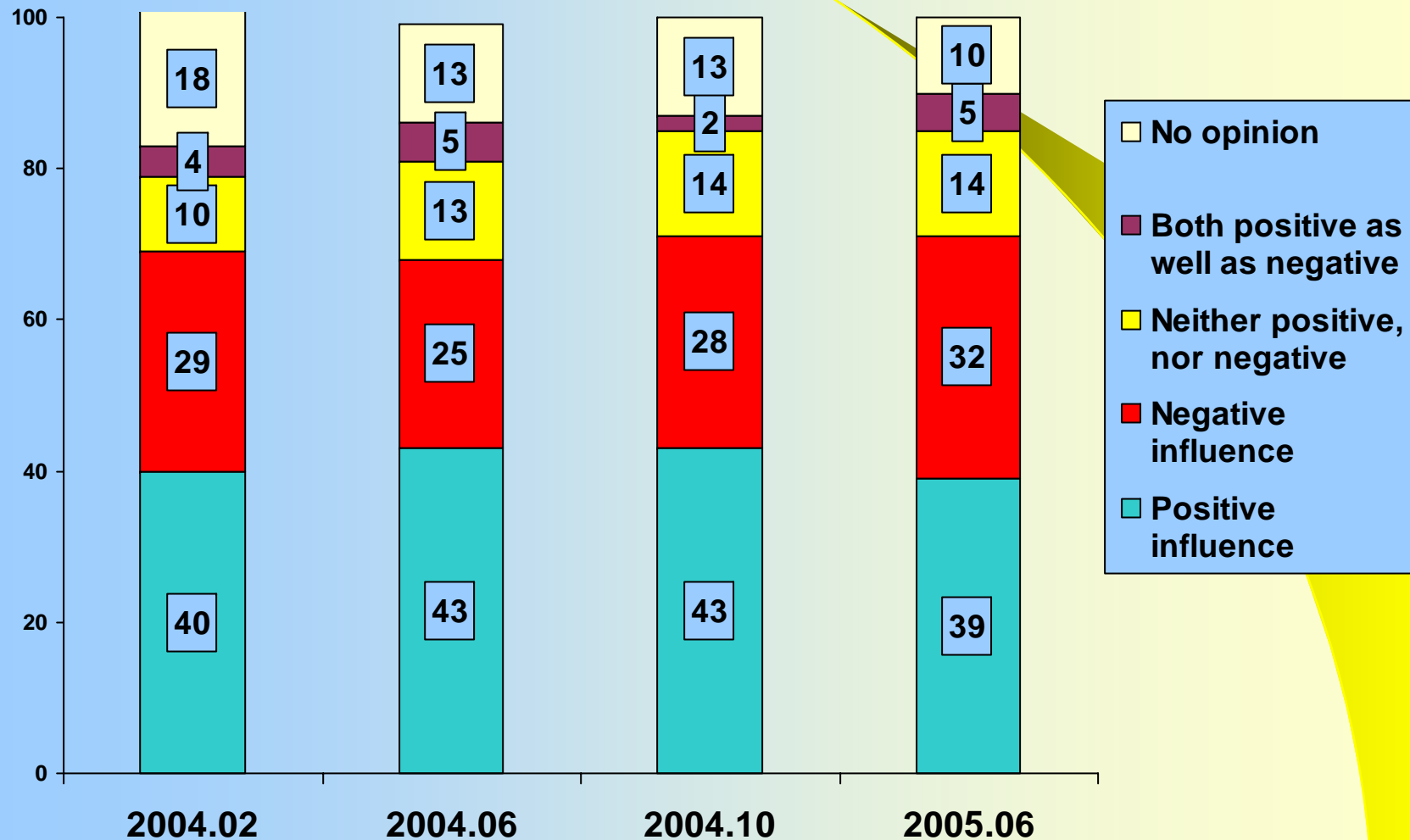
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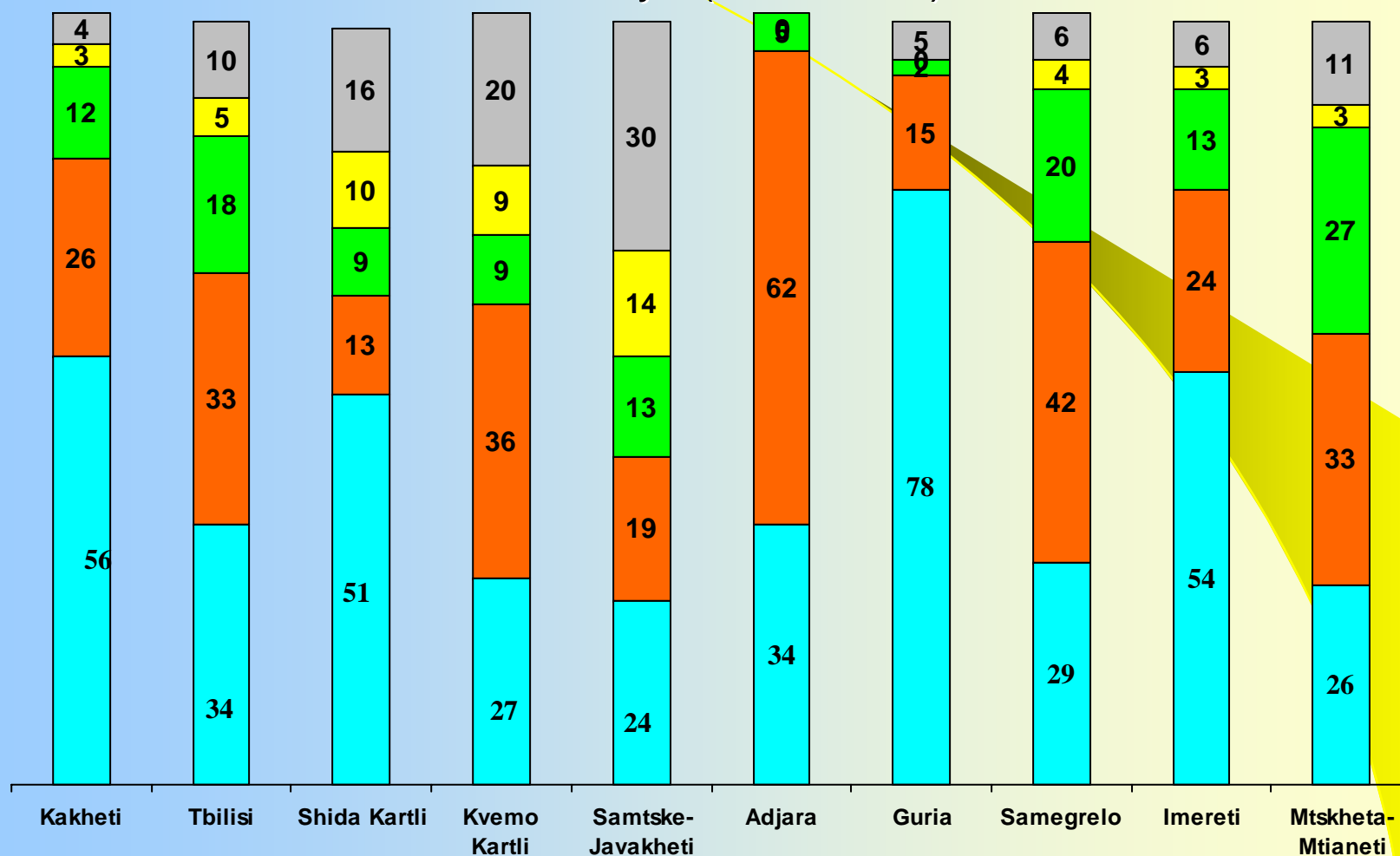
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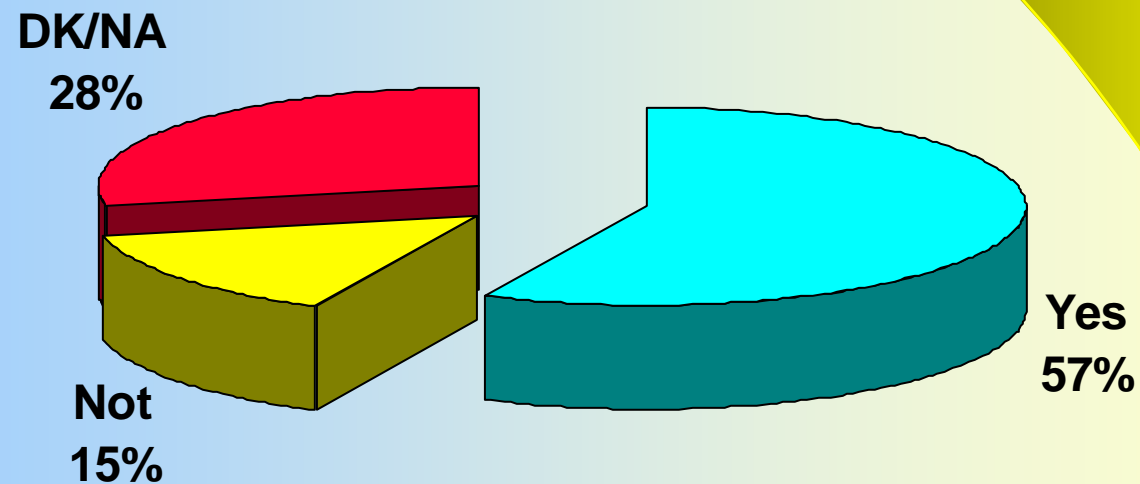


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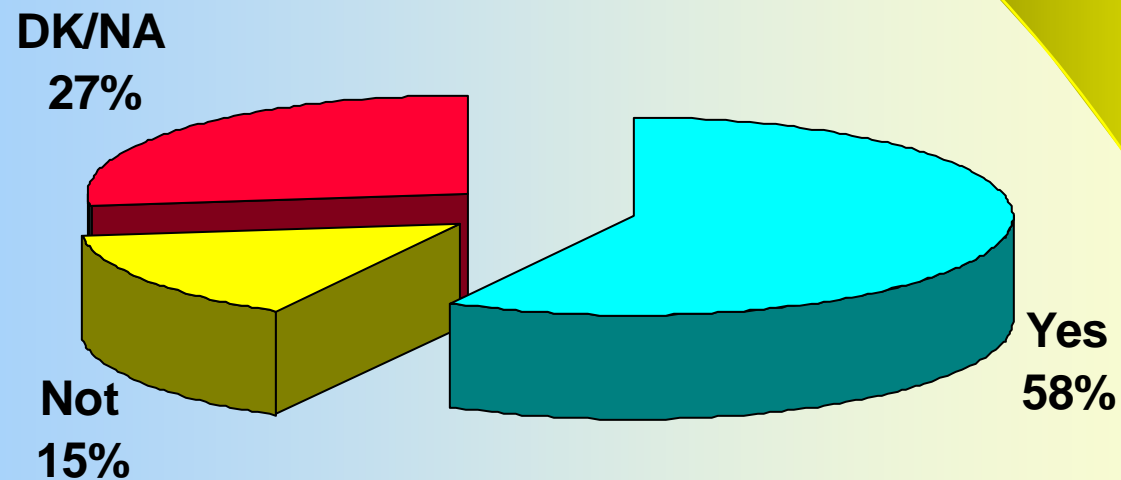


■ Positive influence
 ■ Negative influence
 ■ Neither positive, nor negative
 ■ Both positive as well as negative
 ■ No opinion

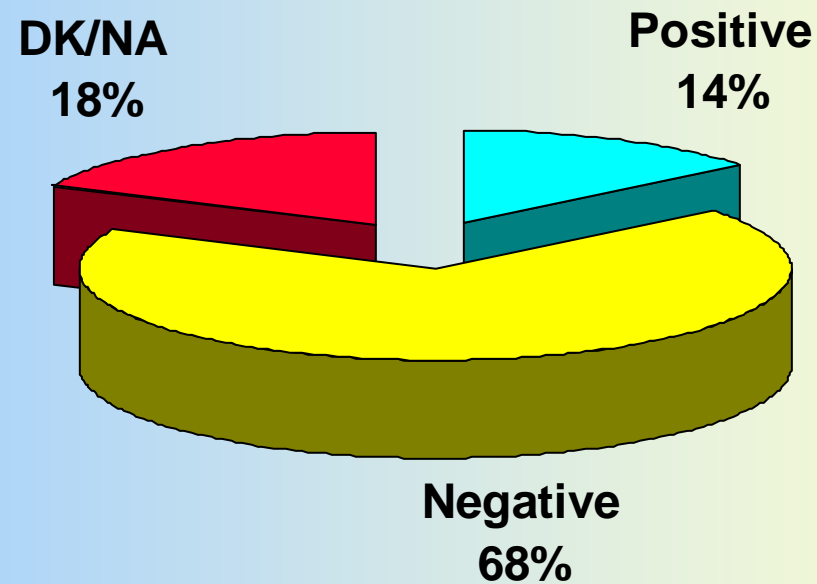
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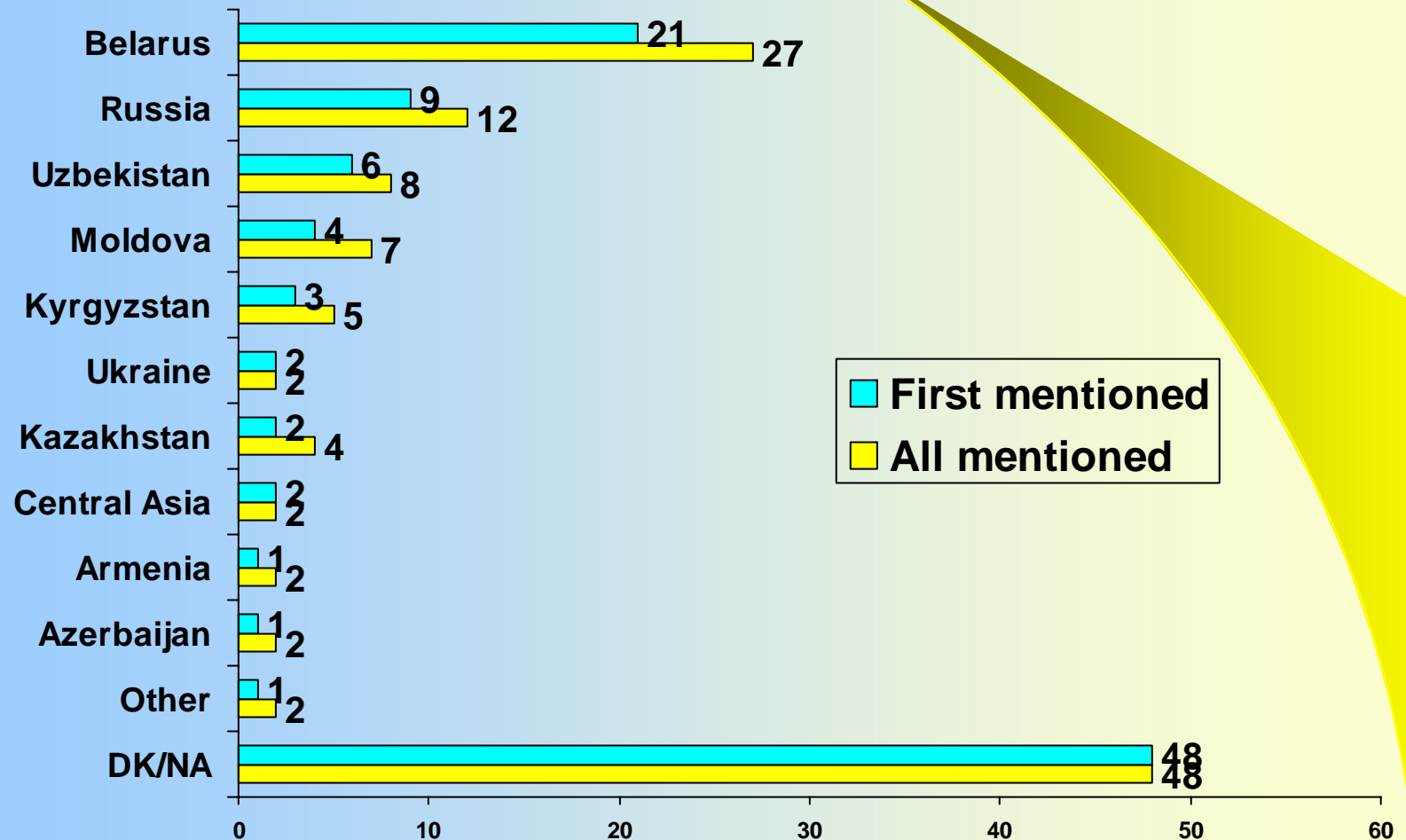
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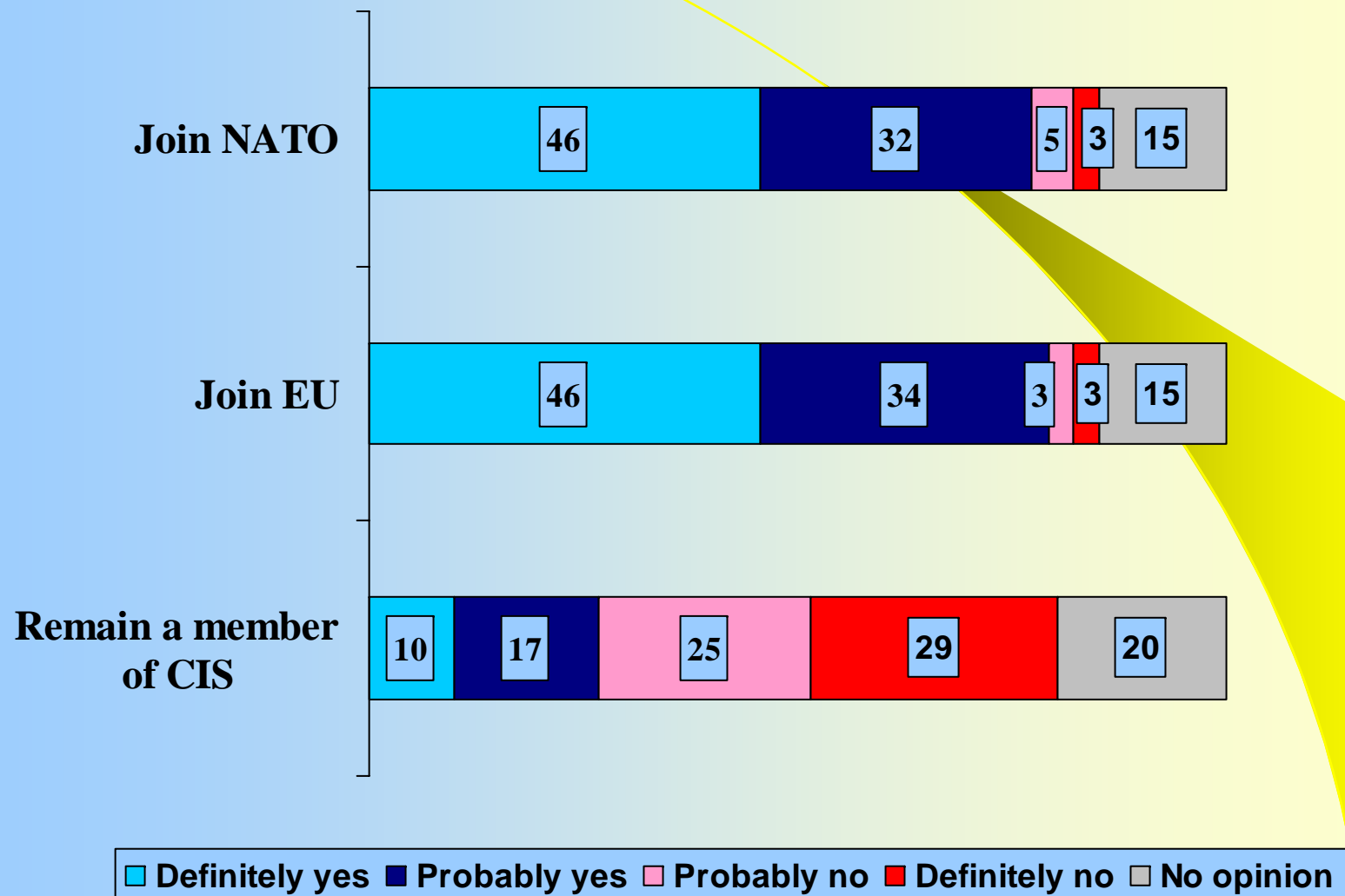
Is Russian President Vladimir Putin a positive or negative leader for Russia-Georgia relations?



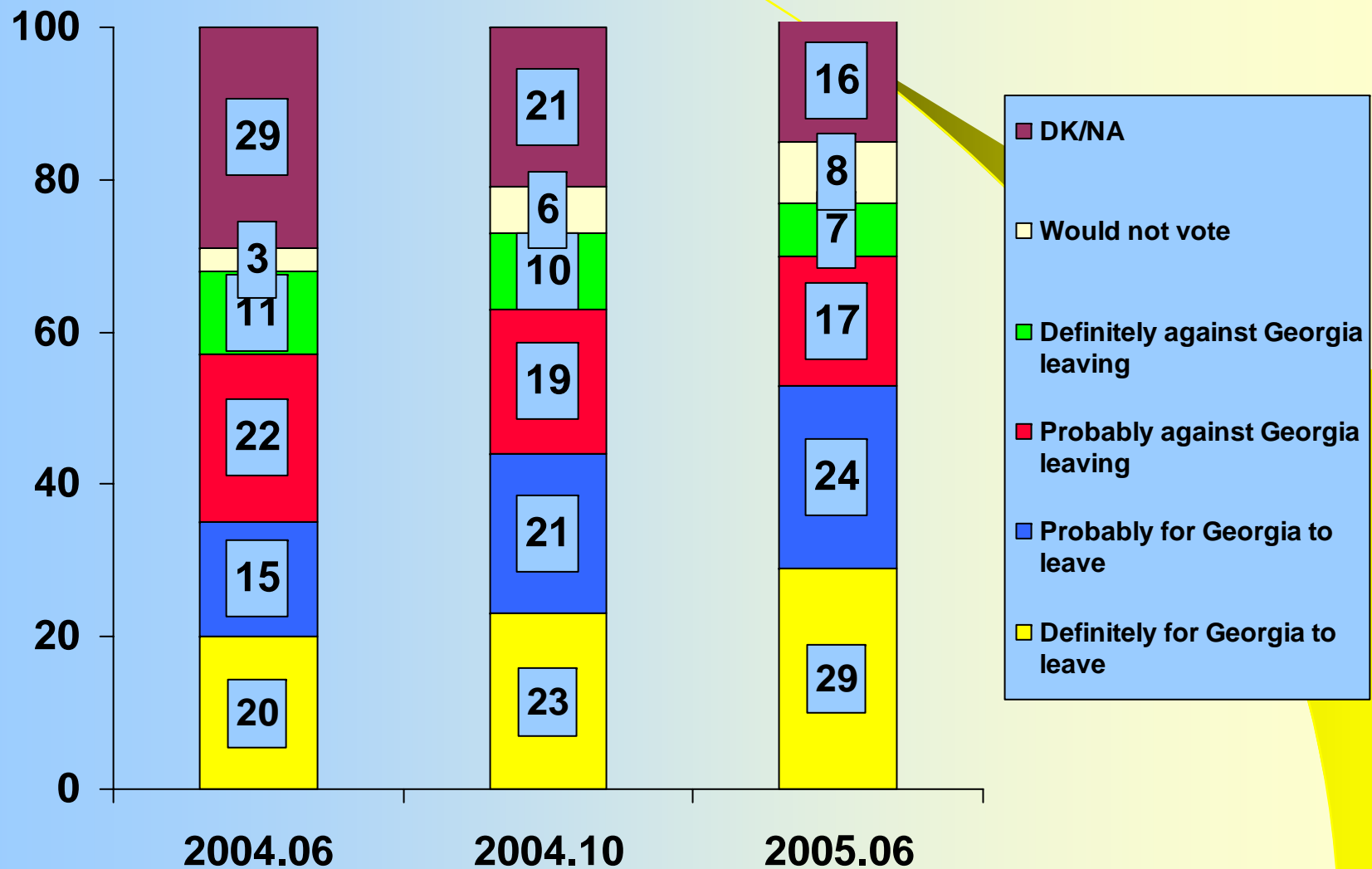
The Government of Georgia has become a leading advocate for democratization in the CIS. Which CIS country will undergo major political change/revolution next?



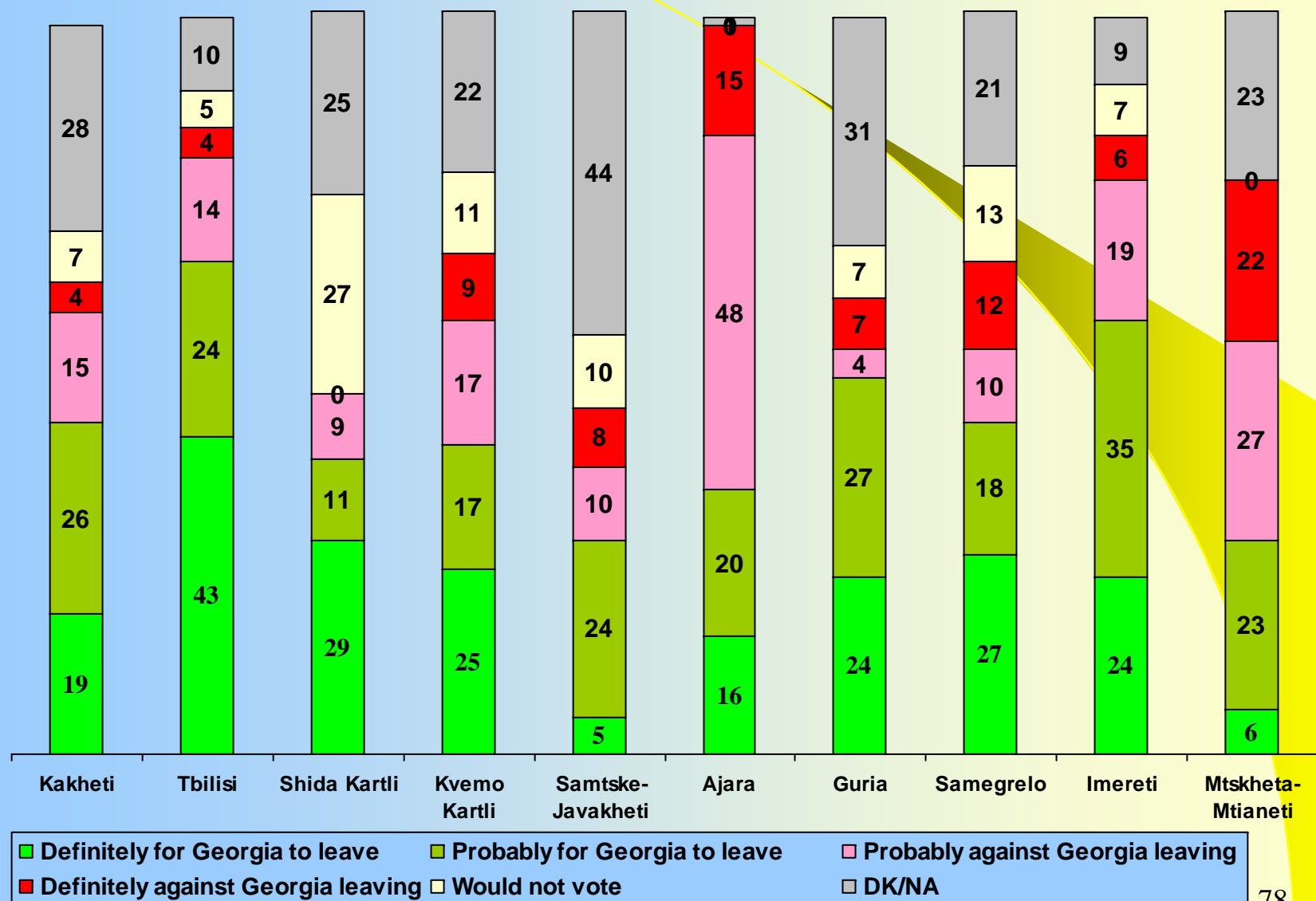
Should Georgia in the future... (June 2005)



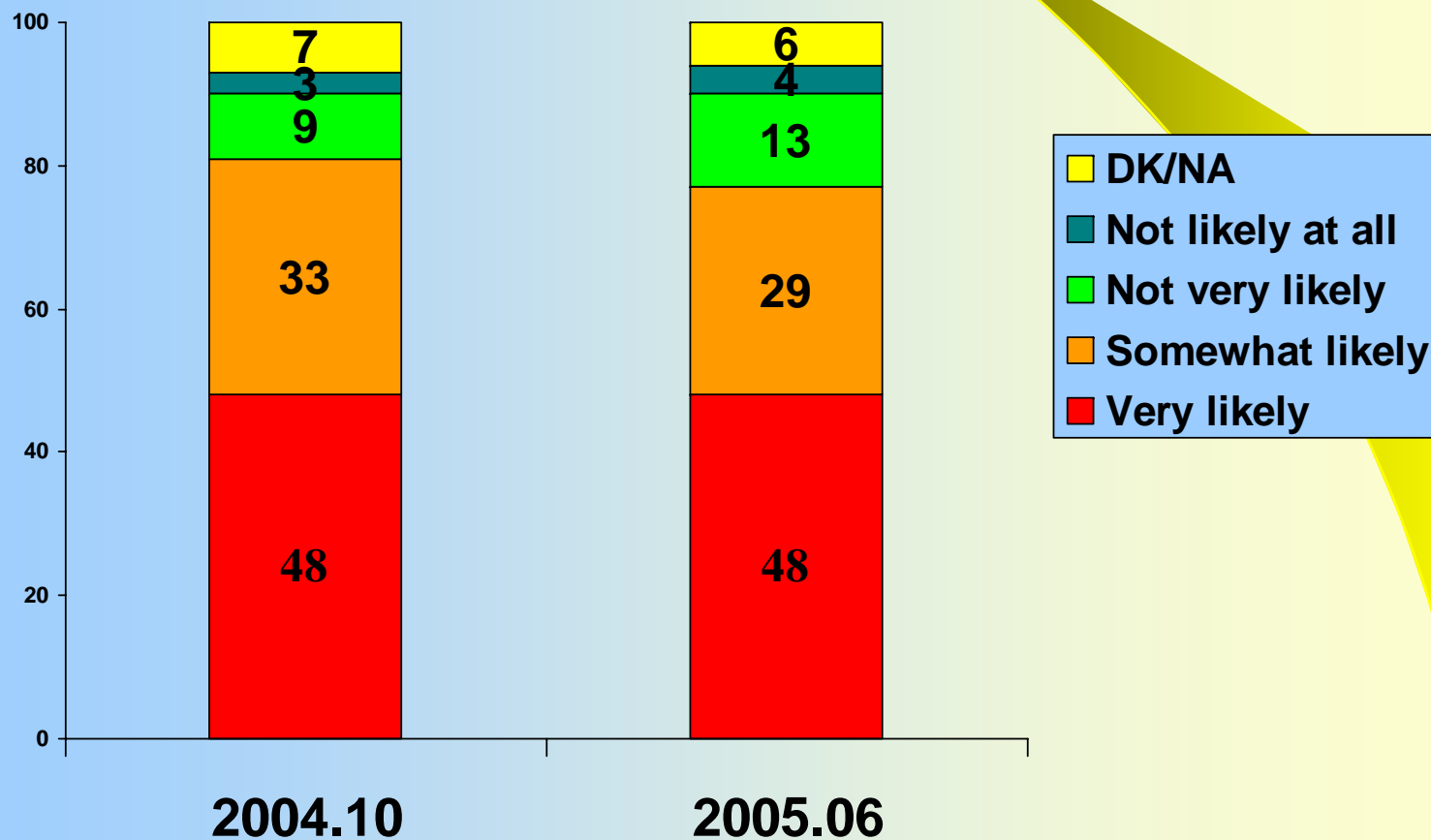
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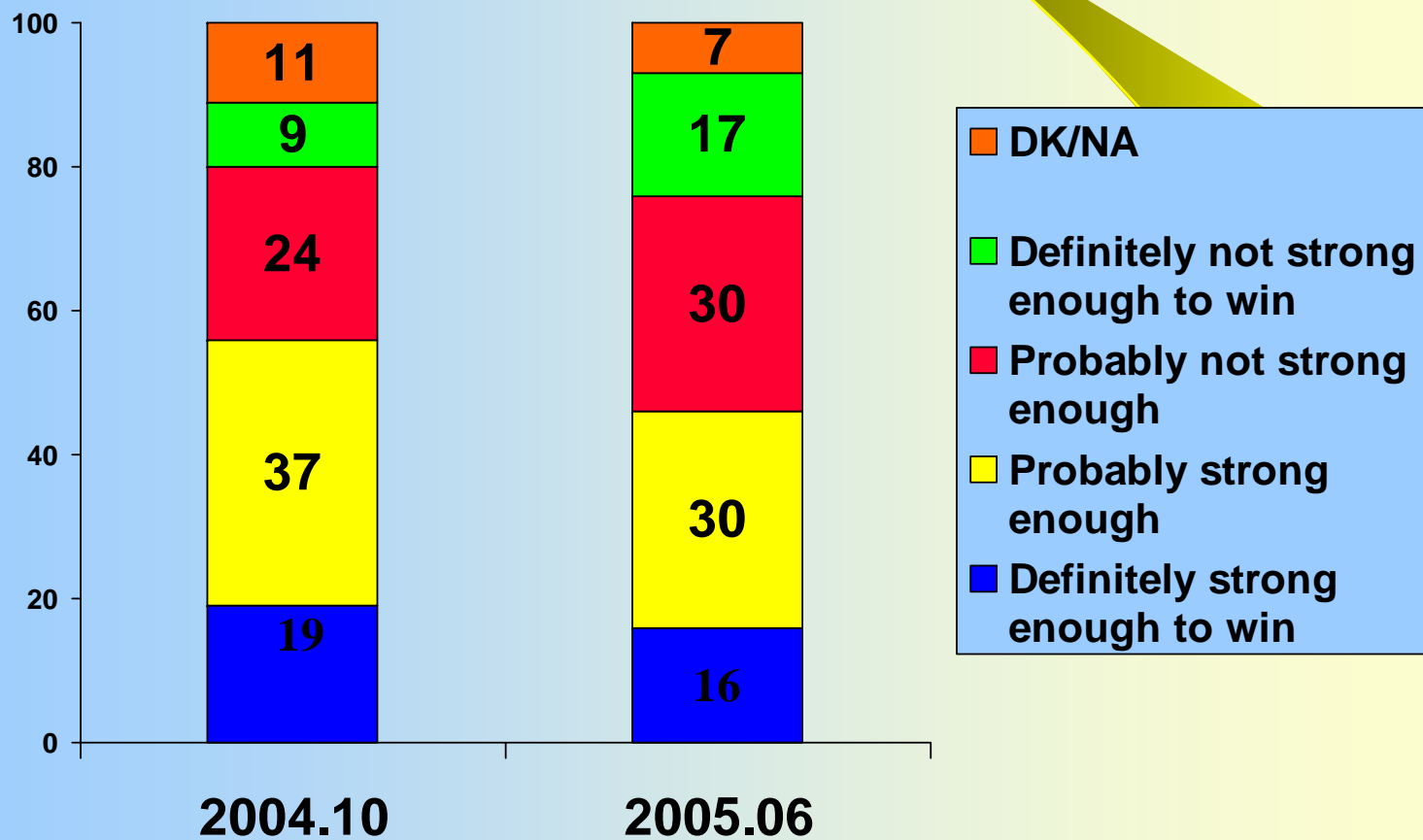
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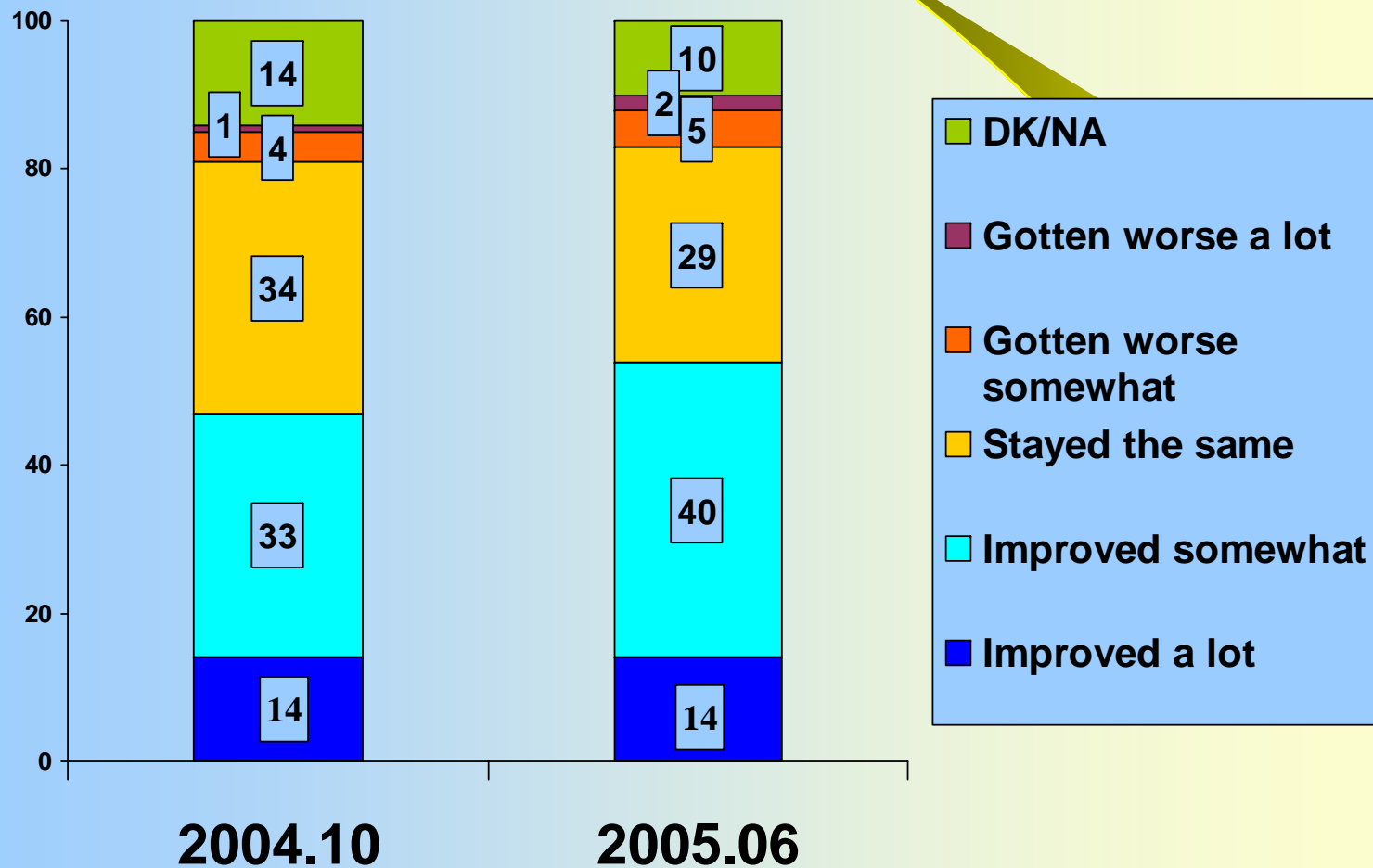
In your opinion, how likely it is that in the case there is a war in South Ossetia or Abkhazia, Russia becomes very much involved in this conflict and attacks Georgia?



In your opinion, if there is military conflict in South Ossetia or Abkhazia, are Georgian army and interior forces strong enough to win?

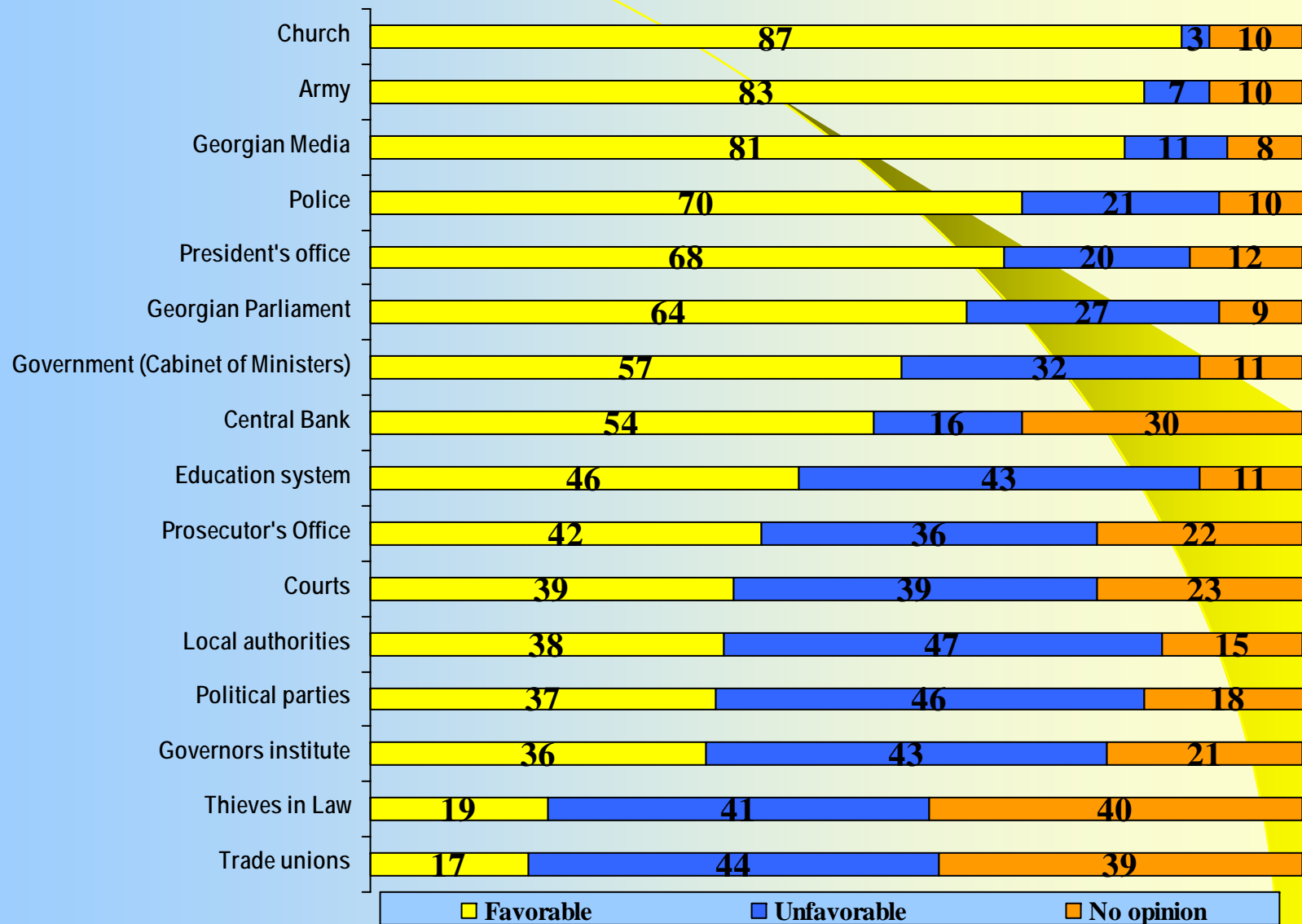


In your opinion, has the freedom of press in Georgia improved or gotten worse in the last six months?



INSTITUTIONS

Confidence in institutions (June 2005)



VALUES

Heroes for our times (June 2005)

Of the prominent Georgian people and characters in Georgian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in current times ?

